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MARCONI-Fairfield's **ROBBIE WHEATLEY** (back from suspension) roars into a tackle against PRESON-Makedonia's **STEVE GOJEVIC** during the West End National Soccer League clash at the Connor Reserve. The match finished at 2-2. The graphic photo was taken by Carmelo Bazzano.

Juve's pressure test

BY GREG BLAKE

THE final count-down has begun for Brunswick Juventus and by around 5pm on Saturday the club will have a much better idea of its fate for 1988.

Juventus faces the first leg of a gruelling four-day battle to avoid relegation when it faces finals aspirant Sunshine George Cross at Olympic Park tonight (Wednesday).

Then, on Saturday, Juve plays host to Sydney Croatia at Olympic Village. Victories in both games are essential for the West End NSL basement dweller.

At the moment, Juve are looking no further than tonight's match said Brian Brown, skipper when the club won the title in 1985.

"We'll just try to get tonight over with before worrying about Saturday."

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KRNCEVIC AT MARCONI

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

EDDIE KRNCEVIC was hastily snapped up last night to play on Sunday against visiting Adelaide City at Marconi Stadium.

The former World Cup player who flies into Sydney tomorrow morning, had just returned from holidays in Tunisia with his friend the Belgium World Cup skipper, Frankie Vercauteren, when he accepted Mariani's timely invitation to come to Sydney.

Mariani told ASW last night: "I was lucky to secure Eddie for the reason that he had decided to remain in Belgium and re-sign with his current club, Anderlecht and reject all other offers he had received from top European clubs."

"At this stage we are playing it all by ear, but there is a chance that Eddie could stay on for another week and guest for us in a second match if we are fortunate," Mariani stated.

Farina strikes Gold

BY KEITH GILMOUR

FRANK FARINA, Australia's NSL topscorer in 1987 as well as this year to date, is highly enthusiastic over the Bicentennial Gold Cup tournament.

The series kicks off at Football Park, Adelaide on Wednesday week July 6 to a fanfare of world wide interest.

Farina said: "I am certain that playing against Argentina, Brazil and Saudi Arabia will be sheer magic."

"It is something that every one of the Socceroos will treasure as long as they live."

"I honestly believe that Australia will do well, and that the crowds will get the thrill"

of their lives.

"Since the 1984 world tour I've had the chance to come up against some tremendous national teams."

"Scotland, Israel, Morocco and Egypt come straight to mind."

"There have been some great club sides too, many of which have played a class better football than international teams."

"The better the opposition, the better it is for Australia, and competing with Brazil now will give us vital experience for the Olympic Games finals in September."

Farina himself has as much or more than any one of the Socceroos to gain from a big Gold Cup display.

With the matches

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Gold Cup LIFT-OUT! P14-16



Keogh's eyes glued on achieving the NSL dream

BY GREG BLAKE

SEAN Keogh is an unfashionable goalkeeper with an even less fashionable club.

But for the Sunshine George Cross custodian all that might change in the next seven weeks if the club does the 'impossible' and snatches a place in the 1988 finals.

At this stage the George Cross dream is most certainly a possibility and the remarkably low-profile keeper might just find himself well and truly in the spotlight.

The 26-year-old George Cross goalkeeper admits that he is not "spectacular or flashy."

"If that's what it means to be unfashionable then I guess I am," he conceded.

"Basically I'm just

happy to go about my business.

"I suppose I'd like to be recognised but I'm not concerned that I'm not."

Keogh is probably an accurate reflection of the club he plays for.

Like the club, it is only when he produces something spectacular that he hits the headlines.

His game against South Melbourne Hellas recently was the perfect example.

Keogh starred to keep Hellas at bay that day and he received all the accolades for his side's 1-0 win.

But George Cross has made a habit of winning this season as John Gardiner's boys have quietly gone about their business.

Likewise Keogh has been playing a dominant role in that rock-solid

Georgie defence.

The effort against Hellas was no one-off fluke. Indeed had it not been for the dramatic 6-0 thrashing on opening day at Marconi, Keogh and the George Cross defence would currently boast the best defensive record in the league.

So the quiet revolution has been going on all season.

"As far as the club goes it certainly isn't affluent like some others and I suppose that makes us un-fashionable," Keogh told ASW.

"We do things on a lower scale.

"But in one way it's good to be at a club like this and being able to work with someone like John Gardiner.

"John's a great coach - the best I've worked under.

"When I left Juventus I'd been out of the game for nearly a year and things weren't looking too good.

"John gave me the chance and he put time and effort into helping me.

"He's had a great effect on my career in Soccer."

Keogh, formerly with State Leaguers Doveton and Croydon City, started his NSL career at Brunswick Juventus when that club moved into the national competition.

But first year injuries and then finding himself

second choice to Yakka Banovic restricted him to less than 20 games in two years.

Early success with Brunswick gave him the chance of a call-up to the Melbourne-based Soccerroo squad of the time.

Gardiner saw the raw talent going to waste at a time when Keogh, like a number of his George Cross team mates, looked to be on the NSL scrapheap.

For that Keogh is eternally grateful.

"That could be said for a couple of players," says Keogh.

"And there are others, younger players like Robbie Markovac who just aren't getting a run at Melbourne Croatia.

"He wasn't doing so well and now, for us, he's doing a very capable job.

"That's the good thing about John Gardiner - he works to a plan.

"Whereas at other clubs you find players like Robbie who can't provide immediate success and they are out."

Keogh is confident George Cross is set for a finals appearance de-

spite the difficult draw which means just two of the last seven games are at the infamous Chaplin Reserve.

"That is a little bit of a worry because sides coming to our ground find it difficult," he explained.

"I'd prefer to have a few more at home during the last seven rounds.

"But I'm pleased at the way we are going because after that first game at Marconi even we thought we'd be in for a very, very difficult year.

"The way it is now the pressure is on the

other teams because we are in there.

"As long as we keep producing the goods on the day we won't have to worry about the other teams - they have to worry about us."

Keogh, despite his decidedly low profile, is one of the most capable keepers in the NSL and he's certainly one of the most dedicated.

As he says, you don't have to be an extrovert to be a good goalkeeper.

"To do the right thing for the club you can be just as good a goalkeeper by just doing the things that count," he said.



SEAN KEOGH flies through the air to make an acrobatic save for his clubside Sunshine George Cross. ASW's Greg Blake says an unfashionable and low-profile goalkeeper is doing the job for an equally unfashionable team — the result? Success, and plenty of it. Pic — Frank Saya

How to turn the decent fans away

AN EXPERIENCE FROM GREG BLAKE

I KNOW only too well what will happen after this goes to press in ASW.

Footscray JUST fans and officials will jump on me in double-quick time screaming all sorts of nonsensical accusations. "You hate Yugoslavs — you hate Footscray JUST," will be the tone of the comments, no doubt.

Frankly nothing could be further from the truth.

But I'm going to get my message across and hopefully someone will take the time to listen.

Recently a colleague of mine managed to entice some friends to attend an NSL game at Footscray's Schintler Reserve, and I believe that despite the non-Soccer background of the newcomers they did look forward to the game with some anticipation.

That is until they actually saw Schintler Reserve on one of Melbourne's classical blustery, cold and overcast days.

As we all know too well at Schintler Reserve there is no cover, little terracing, one toilet and very little else.

As the visitors pulled up their collars to shield themselves from the chilling wind whipping down the ground it wasn't hard to detect the absolute shock registering on their faces as they walked into the ground.

"They play National League games HERE?" was the first incredulous reaction to Footscray's 'stadium'.

And they were absolutely right — how can our supposed premier competition be played on grounds like this one, which was below par a decade ago?

As it transpired the newcomers stayed only until half-time despite a most exciting contest going on out in the middle.

It wasn't that they objected to the lack of cover in the wintry weather and it wasn't that they objected to standing in slopy mud behind the goals at the railway end.

It wasn't even that they had to line up for 10 minutes to relieve themselves.

The clincher was that they did object to a couple of slob who insisted on drinking endless cans of beer and then urinating lazily on the fence about three feet behind them!

If that is the NSL in 1988 they didn't want any part of it.

and who could blame them?

Now I know Footscray has had a financial battle for many years and credit to them IF their ambitious plans to have a 3,000 seat grandstand ready for next year see fruition.

But the question is — and I direct it to many other NSL clubs and not just Footscray — are we making our efforts when it's all too late?

How many other fans have we turned away?

FROM FRONT PAGE

being provided to so many parts of the world in either live or delayed telecasts, he could collect a big European contract in 1989.

Already having been close to being signed by Roda (Holland) a show-

State games set to be origin series

QUEENSLAND are all for suggestions from NSW to make the annual Interstate clash a State of Origin.

Depending on the criteria adopted, the Maroons could gain selection access to Frank Farina, Alan Hunter, Steve Jackson, John Stewart, Jason Polak, John Koch and Manis Lamond.

While Queensland won the interstate clash at Perry Park, State Federation Presidents Ian Brusasco and John Constantine were losers in the grandstands. The pair had a fairly hefty plunge on Constantine's "good mail" but to their dismay heard it run into third. Brusasco's original selection which he dumped on Constantine's advice won the race!

ing of his undoubted accomplishments could mean that his reputation is enhanced and he becomes a magnet for Europe.

At 23 he can shine in four magnificent arenas of football — the Bicentennial Gold Cup, the Seoul Olympic Games finals, Marconi's quest for the West End National Soccer League championship, followed by the possibility of following in the steps of such great players as Eddie Krncevic, Craig Johnston, David Mitchell and Jim Patikas.

Marconi's hopes for 1988 are also well in his mind — they haven't lost a league game at home all season.

"The whole thing depends on the squad staying fit, largely free from injuries and going out there and playing well," Farina said.

We've found a consistency that we couldn't manage before, but we have to keep at it."

He pointed to the great work of the members who continued on from the previous Marconi squad, as well as the depth that arrived with the signing of new

players such as Fred de Jong and Peter Katholos.

Already Farina, with his blistering pace and fearsome shot, has seen duty in internationals, of which are in the 'A' category.

The Bicentennial Gold Cup will provide the chance for Australian fans to see the Soccerroos come face to face with some of the players who will take the world by storm over the next two years.

SA's premier Soccer journalist Tom McKain has announced his retirement after covering Soccer in the State for nearly 30 years.

McKain, who emigrated from his native Scotland in 1959, had a heart by-pass operation two years ago and last month suffered another mild heart attack.

He decided to retire on doctor's advice at the age of 56.

"After the two warnings, I thought it was the wise thing to do," said McKain, whose informed and passionate writing will be missed by all in SA.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY and its readers will wish him better health in his retirement.

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ASW's GREG BLAKE can heard on Arthur Higgins Sports Show 5-7pm weekdays

HERO IS COMING!

Kalantzis misses out on guesting at Sydney Olympic

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

CHRIS KALANTZIS, the ex-Sydney Olympic block-busting left winger now playing in Greece with leading side Panathinaikos, has been denied permission to guest with his former Sydney club against Preston on Sunday.

Prior to flying out from Athens to Australia for a short holiday with his lovely new bride Alexias, he had been granted verbal permission to play one match with Sydney Olympic.

However when Olympic teleaxed the Greek Football Association for an official clearance late last week, the reply was an emphatic 'No'.

out, there is no way of telling what could have gone wrong."

About his fulltime football in Greece, he said: "From a crowd point of view it is tremendous. They get huge gates over there and the atmosphere is just incredible and electrifying."

"Skill-wise they have some very good players

"All teams play with just twin-strikers through the middle.

"None of the clubs have wingers at all.

"I left last year for Greece as a winger and I'm used only as a left sided midfielder.

"I don't mind so much.

"Basically the money and the crowd atmosphere is just terrific," he stated.

Kalantzis returns to Greece on July 2 to report for pre-season training.



CHRIS KALANTZIS chats with PANATHINAIKOS team-mate JUAN RAMON ROSAS, the Argentinian playing with the champion Greek club along with Kalantzis and Lou Hristodoulou. The match just completed was against soon-to-be crowned champions Larissa.

Venturesome Van Egmond

BY GREG BLAKE



IF there is a classic rags to riches story to come from 1988 it must certainly be that of Gary Van Egmond.

18 months ago the Sydney-born Footscray JUST defender had just left NSW State League outfit Manly to venture south for work related reasons.

The little-known then 21-year-old almost settled for the relative obscurity of Victorian State League Soccer with Rignwood Wilhelmina when the opportunity presented itself.

Until a chance meeting with Footscray commitment Simon Turudina turned Van Egmond's world around.

In that short eighteen months since Van Egmond has developed into one of the cornerstones in a Footscray JUST team on the fringe of the finals race, won well-earned recognition as one of the best defenders running around in the NSL and, just recently, he become one

of the newest member of Frank Arok's Soccer Squad.

A whirlwind elevation by anyone's standards, and Van Egmond is the first to agree.

"It really wasn't expected," he told ASW.

And when he says he didn't expect it, one is included to agree because even now Van Egmond knows only too well how close he came to settling for the State League.

But give the man his due.

Van Egmond, particularly after breaking his arm during the 1987 season, found it difficult to establish a place for himself in the first year at JUST.

But he's had his chance, grabbed it with open arms, and made every post a winner.

"If someone had told me 12 months ago I'd be in the Australian squad I'd have thought it was a

practical joke," the new Soccerroo told me.

"But it very satisfying to have achieved selection.

"I did struggle to get into the first team under 'Seki' last year at Footscray and I was determined I'd make a go of it this year.

"I worked hard pre-season and did some work with weights etc. but all I had in mind was winning a regular place at Footscray.

"Anything else is a bonus."

Van Egmond's pre-season investments in his own game has certainly paid off with handsome dividends.

But the real bonus will be a trip to Seoul — if he's selected.

And there are few in Melbourne who would dare suggest Van Egmond is not up to national team duty.

Fast he most certainly is, and disciplined and determined as well and blessed with an 'educated' right foot.

But it is Van

Egmond's outstanding pace which has made heads turn.

It was in the 'Cup Final Sprint' at half time during the 1987 Beach Fashions Cup final that anyone who hadn't notice Footscray's answer to 'Phar Lap' were about to sit up and take notice.

Match against the fastest half-dozen players in the state over 100 metres, Van Egmond was just pipped on the line by renowned Brunswick Juventus speedster Andrew Zinni.

The JUST star might well have won had his preparation been a little better, with Zinni wearing running spikes and Van Egmond saddled up in Soccer boots (he thought the race was to be run on grass).

Being a happy and settled 'Melbournite' has helped Van Egmond as well.

"Yes, I really am happy here in Melbourne these days", he says.

"The atmosphere at Footscray is great and

everyone gets on well with each other.

"When I first came down (to Melbourne) I didn't know anyone and it was hard to get to know even the Footscray players because I wasn't a regular in the first team."

If the form of the former Manly, Blacktown and Apia player is as good if not better than ever, the same cannot be said of the Footscray team.

Inconsistent only too often, Footscray has a team which, according to Van Egmond, "should be in the top five right now".

"But at the beginning of the year we were dropping points in games we shouldn't have", he explained.

A keen golfer and tennis player, Van Egmond says he rarely misses life in Sydney except, of course, a little surfing now and then at Manly beach.

But Sydney's loss has been Melbourne's gain.



CHRIS KALANTZIS in Sydney Olympic colours (left) and the Australian green and gold (right).



"We are terribly disappointed as we had looked forward to Chris playing with us on Sunday," Sydney Olympic president Ken Kotsapas said.

When ASW broke the news to Kalantzis, he also expressed great surprise and disappointment.

He said: "This is all news to me. I really can't understand it at all."

"Before I left Greece, they told me I could play here for one match.

"I don't know what has happened. Unless I was over there myself to find

and they all help one another.

"But when we are talking about skills, there really is only a handful of really skilled players."

When queried about contrasts as against NSL football, Kalantzis replied: "Well, over here you just don't have much time on the ball at all."

"Over there you do have those extra seconds when coming forward.

"I think the main reason for this is that in Greek football they concentrate heavily on being defensive.

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Ian Dobson looks to future

BY GREG BLAKE

FOR the second year in succession Ian Dobson has been dumped by an NSL club, this time Melbourne Croatia. Dobson, rated as one of the best headers of a ball in the NSL, will see out the 1988 season with Victorian State League side Croydon City.

The nuggetty 30-year-old defender left his previous club Preston Makedonia 12 months ago when both he and the then coach Bill Murray were sensationally 'sacked' nine weeks into the season.

This time in Dobson is "disappointed but fairly philosophical about it all."

"At least I can understand the reasons behind it," he told ASW. For Dobson it was probably a case of 'the wrong place at the wrong time.'

After playing in all of Melbourne Croatia's games until mid-season Dobson fell injured and subsequently missed three weeks.

Croatia had three good results in his absence before he returned as substitute against South Melbourne Hellas and St George.

"There was talk I'd be back in first team for the Wollongong game the next week," he explained.

"But then during the week I read in the newspapers I was to be transfer-listed, although at the time the club publicly denied it.

"Late in the week coach Ian Wallace called me aside and I thought it was to tell me I'd be back in the senior team.

"Instead it was to tell me the club wanted me on the transfer list even though Ian said he didn't agree.

"The committee gave no real reasons why but I think it is fairly obvious it's due to financial considerations."

Dobson believes he was transfer-listed to accommodate the return of Jozo Antolovic from

Yugoslavia and to allow some youngsters the chance in the first team.

And he agrees that in many ways the club is doing the right thing.

"I have no animosity towards Melbourne Croatia and in a sense they are making a correct decision," he says.

"Young Frank Valentic is a good example of a young player who is good enough to play in the NSL but he really hasn't had much of a chance.

"As for me, I was just injured at the wrong time." Dobson, a qual-

ified coach, is keen to snare a player-coach position at some stage in the future.

With his NSL future in doubt the chance may come prematurely.

Dobson believes he has "at least two more good years" of NSL Soccer in front of him but at the moment is only interested in bolstering Croydon's ranks and seeing that club into the State League top four.

"I've signed for Croydon until the end of the year," Dobson told ASW.

"I had five offers from different State League clubs but I chose Croydon because it is my local team and the club I played for before I joined the NSL.

"I've still got a lot of feeling for the club and I think we'll do well.

"As for the NSL we'll see what happens at the end of this year.

"With about eight games left it's a bit hard to get fixed up at a club this season but I'll look at my options once the season is over."



IAN DOBSON forges ahead in the Melbourne Croatia colours. A new destiny and career awaits...

Brunswick emulates Houdini

By JOHN MANGAN

WITH three games in seven days, Brunswick Juventus began their last ditch attempt to escape relegation with a convincing 3-0 victory over fellow strugglers Brisbane Lions.

Tonight (Wednesday) they face Sunshine George Cross under the lights at Olympic Park while on Saturday it is back to the Olympic Vil-

lage for their clash with League-leaders Sydney Croatia.

Lions also have two home games in the next five days playing Apia

on Friday and South Melbourne Hellas on Sunday.

Juventus coach, Manfred Schaefer claims he has not yet found the right formation to capitalise on the immense talents of his megabuck squad but he must have been coming close in the second half when he moved Charlie Egan forward from midfield to join Joe Palatsides and Andrew Zinni up front.

With Garry McDowall playing an inspired game in defence, the home side finally broke Lions' iron defence two minutes after halftime and from thereon took full control with goals in the 63rd and 69th minutes.

Lions' boss, Juan Cutillas, admitted that his team had been under a lot of pressure: "We lost our composure early in the second half and paid for it. Juventus played exceptionally well but we should have scored at least two goals."

He will be under even more pressure this week with the automatic one match suspension of defender Allan Niven after he received a yellow

card for handball from referee Jim Rossis, who also showed the card to two other Lions, Nick Meredith and Grant Lightbown.

Juve had the best of the first half but were unable to convert their territorial advantage into goals, despite a tremendous shot from Mehmet Durakovic in the 18th minute which goalkeeper Jason Kear-ton did well to block.

For Lions, Lightbown cast a solitary figure up front as the team's lone striker and he had a shooting chance in the 37th minute.

The second half began with Egan having a goal disallowed but he made amends within a minute, slotting away a ball from Palatsides to the relief of the home fans.

Suddenly a goal down, Lions were forced to come out of their defensive shell and the homeside enjoyed the luxury of being able to attack on the break.

When a rainbow appeared over the ground I knew Juve had been forgiven for their past football sins and that this was going to be their day.

Sure enough, Juve went further ahead in the 63rd minute when Egan crossed to the far post where Palatsides knocked the ball back across the face of the goal to Zinni who was there to head in from point-blank range.

Six minutes later, Scott Patterson thundered his way down the left, crossing perfectly to Egan who slid home his second goal for the day and his seventh for the season to seal Juventus' 3-0 win.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Laumets: Durakovic, Belic, Brown, McDowall, Yzendoorn, Palatsides, Petersen, Egan, Patterson (Incantupo 76th), Zinni.

BRISBANE LIONS: Kear-ton: McSkimming, Niven, Clarkson, Lowy, Mengotti, Ogden, Meredith, Lightbown, Stewart, Wheeler (Drury 76th).

Referee: J. Rossis. Crowd: 1,181.

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SUNDAY, JULY 10 3PM Argentina v Brazil, Olympic Park
WEDNESDAY, JULY 13 8PM Brazil v Saudi Arabia, Olympic Park

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NAME: David Mower
AGE: 19
D.O.B: 17/11/67
HEIGHT: 188cm
WEIGHT: 78kg
POSITION: Goalkeeper
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Albury City, Canberra City N.S.W.
STATE: —
AGE GROUPS: —
REPRESENTED: —
AUSTRALIA U/16 REP: —
AUSTRALIA YOUTH REP: —
OCCUPATION: Student
OTHER: AIS Scholarship 1986



David Mower — goalkeeper with a terrific future

WRITES VIC MIGLIACCIO

DAVID Victor Mower is a name to remember.

He will be a big name in the Soccer world.

Born in Albury, NSW on November 17, 1967, the talented goalkeeper joined Adelaide City in March this year from Newcastle United (UK) when after a two month trial he was offered a contract but the government refused him a work permit.

Mower, generally known by his nickname 'Victor', is a perfect athlete — tall and strong. He moves like lightning between the posts.

Since he joined City he has been starring in the First Division side, patiently awaiting for his big-break-in the NSL.

Of all the Clubs in NSW why did Mower choose to come in Adelaide?

He explained "I returned unexpectedly from Europe and I wanted to play for an Italian-backed club," he said.

"Adelaide City was my preference over other NSL clubs because of recommendations by my former junior coach Chico Vojnovic and because the Iannotta family, of Glenelg, are close friends.

When asked of his ambition in Soccer, he firmly said he wanted to play in a National league side — no more, no less.

Adelaide City's number one son, the legendary Johnny Perin, who now coaches City's First Division side praised the young star.

He said Mower had unlimited potential and with application, he could mark the top grade. On field, he was like having an extra defender.

Just for the record, Mower stated Soccer at 7 for Melrose Park Rangers. At 15, he moved to Albury City and after one season there joined Canberra City.

In 1986, he gained a scholarship to the Australian Institute of Sport, where he spent the next two years.

The proud young star had no hesitation in naming his family, his father Frank (18), mother Maureen, sister Joanne (21) and brother Peter (18) and Jim Shoulder from the Australian Sports Institute as the people who helped him the most in his Soccer career.

Whose 1988 NSL title?

ASKS GREG BLAKE

MARCONI, South Melbourne Hellas and Sydney Croatia are the teams in the running for the 1988 title, according to ASW's experts.

WITH just six rounds to play two of those three teams seem likely to play off in the Grand Final on September 4.

Either Wollongong, Melbourne Croatia or Sunshine George Cross will make up the remaining two places in the final five.

At this stage Wollongong and George Cross have the inside running with a game in hand over Croatia.

MARCONI is rated a near certainty to play off for the title. In its last six games this classy Sydney outfit meets just one other team currently in the top five and Berti Mariani's men are well-placed for the vital 'double-chance.' Marconi has arguably the strongest squad of the

potential finalists, and the icing on the cake is certainly prolific-scoring Frank Farina.

S Y D N E Y CROATIA is the team 'in-form' and will push Marconi for top spot.

But unlike its Sydney neighbour Croatia must meet South Melbourne (away) and Wollongong (home) in the final six rounds, as well as that vital Round 24 game at home to Marconi which could decide the fate of both teams in 1988.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS has the explosive ability to take any given game and shake the life out of it.

But Brian Garvey's team is still young and is far too inexperienced to expect wonders under the pressure of a finals series.

So much revolves around the genius of Paul Trimboli and his ability to overcome the vigorous close-marking he'll no doubt receive in the finals.

WOLLONGONG has been there or thereabouts all season but have we just detected a few chinks in the armour in recent weeks? Wollongong can cement its place in the top five with a relatively easy run in the next few weeks and it does hold that match in hand.

The club now has to aim for wins in the absence of Alan Brazil in the coming weeks to confirm a finals berth before playing away games at South Melbourne and Sydney Croatia in the last two rounds of the season.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS faces the acid test in the run to finals with five of its last seven games away from the dreaded Chaplin Reserve. Like Wollongong, the Georgie lads have a game in hand and also in their favour is that, of the final seven games, only one (at Wollongong) is

against another team currently in the finals. If it makes the finals George Cross could pull off an upset or two.

MELBOURNE CROATIA is the best credentialled of all the Melbourne teams but has it left its run too late. Croatia is, like its Sydney sister team, in-form and Ian Wallace's outfit only has itself to blame if it misses the play-offs thanks to some poor displays mid-season. Much depends on Dale White retaining his recent touch in front of goal.

FOOTSCRAY and **SYDNEY OLYMPIC** are still in the running, but only just and their respective bids are likely to falter in the run home. Footscray still has to meet the likes of Melbourne Croatia, Sydney Croatia, Marconi and Sunshine George Cross.

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South Melbourne Hellas' PAUL TRIMBOLI does his best to round the Sunshine George Cross defence in last weekend's match. Pic — Carmelo Bazzano

From the front page . . .

Brown said he was not looking forward to facing Sunshine tonight.

"They've really started to believe in themselves this season," he told ASW.

"But we know its make or break and we'll go out and give it our best shot."

Juventus has no injury or suspension worries

and is likely to go into tonight's game with an unchanged line-up from the one which beat Brisbane Lions 3-0 on Sunday.

George Cross, battling to hold onto its place in the top five, is also likely to go into the game with an unchanged team.

The George Cross crew are fired up for tonight's clash after losing to St George at the

weekend -- when they had three penalties awarded against them.

"What happened there has given the players more purpose for the game tonight," club president Alf Zahra told ASW.

"People think our players aren't worthy of being in the top five so we are going to prove that we are. We are going to consolidate our place."



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NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE			
FOOTSCRAY	MELB. CROATIA	1	
MARCONI	ADELAIDE CITY	2	
SYD. OLYMPIC	PRESTON	3	
WOLLONGONG	SUNSHINE G.C.	4	
APIA-LEICHAARDT	ST. GEORGE	5	
BRIS. LIONS	STH. MELB.	6	
BRUNSWICK	SYD. CROATIA	7	
WARRINGAH	BLACKTOWN	8	
ROCKDALE	YUGAL	9	
MONARO	KU-RING-GAI	10	
POLONIA	CANBERRA	11	
CANTERBURY	SUTHERLAND	12	
PENRITH	WOLLONGONG	13	
NSW STATE LEAGUE DIV. 1			
GLADESVILLE	AVALA	14	
C'BELLTOWN C.	BLACKTOWN U.	15	
GRANVILLE	MACEDONIA	16	
BANKSTOWN	UNIVERSITY	17	
HEIDELBERG	OAKLEIGH	18	
GREEN GULLY	ST. ALBANS	19	
MARIBYRNONG	RINGWOOD	20	
BOX HILL	NORTHCOTE	21	
SPRINGVALE	FAWKNER	22	
RICHMOND	B'MEADOWS	23	
WERRIBEE	ALTONA GATE	24	
MORDIALLOC	ALBION	25	
GLENORCHY	ULVERSTONE	26	
OLYMPIA	CALEDONIANS	27	
VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIV. 1			
L. MACQUARIE	BELMONT S.	28	
W. WALLSEND	CARDIFF	29	
WALLSEND	ADAMSTOWN	30	
WESTON	STOCKTON	31	
BELMONT	CESSNOCK	32	
BERESFIELD	EDGEWORTH	33	
PT. HACKING	BONDI	34	
DULWICH HILL	MT. DRUITT	35	
KING TOMISLAV	BAULKHAM H.	36	
ROOTY HILL	CANTERBURY	37	
ORANGE	MOOREBANK	38	
VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIV. 2			
MATRIC	DEVONPORT	39	
LAUNCESTON J.	ST. LEONARDS	40	
N'CASTLE CRO.	NELSON BAY	41	
MAITLAND	REDHEAD	42	
STH. WALLSEND	MEREWETHER	43	
PADSTOW	HAWKESBURY	44	
EASTWOOD	CHELSEA	45	
ROSEBERY	SPANISH	46	
PAGEWOOD	NTH. RYDE	47	
MACQUARIE U.	BLACKTOWN W.	48	
LIVERPOOL	HABERFIELD	49	
FAIRFIELD	WENTY	50	

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NATIONAL LEAGUE			
ST. GEORGE	SUNSHINE G.C.	1	3-1
WOLLONGONG	SYD. OLYMPIC	2	1-1
PRESTON	MARCONI	3	2-2
ADELAIDE CITY	FOOTSCRAY	4	3-2
BRUNSWICK	BRIS. LIONS	5	3-0
STH. MELB.	APIA LEICHAARDT	6	2-0
SYD. CROATIA	MELB. CROATIA	7	2-0
BLACKTOWN	ROCKDALE	8	1-0
YUGAL	MONARO	9	2-2
SUTHERLAND	POLONIA	10	1-0
MELITA	CANTERBURY	11	5-2
PENRITH	NEWCASTLE	12	2-1
AVALA	FAIRY MEADOW	13	6-0
BATHURST	C'BELLTOWN C.	14	1-3
UNIVERSITY	BLACKTOWN U.	15	3-2
MACEDONIA	GLADESVILLE	16	4-2
BANKSTOWN	MANLY	17	1-2
CROYDON	MORWELL	18	1-1
MARIBYRNONG	NORTHCOTE	19	2-2
RINGWOOD	HEIDELBERG	20	3-2
THOMASTOWN	BULLEEN	21	3-0
WESTERN	BOX HILL	22	1-2
SPRINGVALE	CAULFIELD	23	2-2
NSW STATE LEAGUE DIV. 1			
ALBION	WERRIBEE	24	1-2
B'MEADOWS	MOOROOLBARK	25	0-2
CROATIA	ROCHEDALE	26	1-1
IPSWICH UTD.	NORTH STAR	27	2-4
MT. GRAVATT	BRIS. CITY	28	2-3
TARINGA	EASTERN SUBS.	29	1-1
THISTLE	OLYMPIC UTD.	30	0-0
REDLANDS	COALSTARS	31	0-5
NEWMARKET	CAPALABA	32	0-2
THE GAP	BRIS. LIONS	33	0-2
WYNNUM	TRIDENT	34	4-1
BARDON	INALA CITY	35	0-2
MATRIC	GLENORCHY	36	4-2
EAGLES	DEVONPORT	37	2-0
HOBART J.	OLYMPIA	38	2-6
VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIV. 1			
HIGHFIELDS	ADAMSTOWN	39	0-4
WALLSEND	CARDIFF	40	2-2
W. WALLSEND	BELMONT S.	41	3-0
L. MACQUARIE	WESTON	42	1-2
CESSNOCK	MAITLAND	43	2-0
BERESFIELD	LAMBTON	44	1-1
N'TLE M'DONIA	MAYFIELD	45	1-1
WESTLAKES	TORONTO	46	0-2
STH. DISTRICTS	PT. HACKING	47	1-2
MOOREBANK	BONDI	48	0-0
MT. DRUITT	CONCORDIA	49	3-1
BAULKHAM H.	DULWICH HILL	50	1-4

THIS WEEK'S WINNING MATCH NUMBERS

3	9	19	23
26	29	SUPP.	18

Olympic better with ten

BY DEAN SIMPSON

SYDNEY Olympic coach Eddie Thomson said his side played better when reduced to 10 men in their 1-1 draw with Wollongong City at Brandon Park on Sunday.

Olympic defender Tony Dakos was sent off by referee Jim Reeves five minutes after half-time, for allegedly flattening Wollongong striker Pat Brodnik with a blow to the head.

Wollongong were

leading 1-0 at that stage, through a 37th minute goal by Brodnik, but didn't take advantage of the 10-man opposition.

Olympic looked the better side in the second half, and were rewarded with an equaliser from

midfielder Jason Polak in the 73rd minute.

Thomson said Olympic's performance playing shorthanded was their best for a number of weeks.

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National League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Croatia	20	13	2	5	31	23	28
South Melbourne	20	10	6	4	29	25	26
Marconi	20	9	7	4	37	20	25
Wollongong City	19	9	6	4	27	23	24
Sunshine GC	19	9	4	6	27	26	22
Melbourne Croatia	20	8	5	7	24	22	21
St George	20	8	3	9	34	29	19
Sydney Olympic	20	6	7	7	22	19	19
Adelaide City	20	6	7	7	28	30	19
Footscray	20	5	8	7	31	28	18
Apia Leichhardt	19	6	4	9	22	29	16
Preston Mak	20	3	10	7	20	29	16
Brisbane Lions	18	4	3	11	21	36	11
Brunswick Juve	19	3	4	12	19	33	10

Results

SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (P Wade, D Wright) **APIA LEICHHARDT 0** at Lambert Park. Crowd: 1579.
WOLLONGONG 1 (P Brodnik) **SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1** (J Polak) at Brandon Park. Crowd: 2230.
SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (G Arnold S Clinch) **MELBOURNE CROATIA 1** at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 6854.
ST GEORGE 3 (S Ollerenshaw 2 A Potter) **SUNSHINE 1** (J Campelli) at St. George Stadium. Crowd: 1010.
PRESTON 2 (G Dimovski, S Smith) **MARCONI 2** (Z Nastevski 2) at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 2213.
BRUNSWICK 3 (C Egan 2, A Zinni) **BRISBANE LIONS 0** at Heidelberg. Crowd: 1181.
ADELAIDE CITY 3 (S Maxwell 2 C Miller) **FOOTSCRAY 2** (O Crino W Spink) at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 2800.
ST GEORGE 3 (M Gibson, A Pottier, G Fletcher) **MARCONI 2** (F de Jong, T McCulloch) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 628.

Top Scorers

FRANK FARINA	Marconi	13
WARREN SPINK	Footscray JUST	12
PAUL LEWIS	Melbourne Croatia	11
STEVE MAXWELL	Adelaide City	10
GRAHAM ARNOLD	Sydney Croatia	9
ZLATKO NASTEVSKI	Marconi	9
MANIS LAMOND	Sydney Croatia	8
JOE PALATSIDIS	Brunswick	8
SCOTT OLLERENSHAW	St George	8
JOHN KOSMINA	Sydney Olympic	7
ANGIE POSTECOGLOU	S Melbourne	7
HILTON PHILLIPS	Apia	7
CHARLIE EGAN	Brunswick Juve	7
MILAN DIMOSKI	Footscray	6
RANDELL EASTHORPE	Wollongong	6
GARY CLARK	Sunshine	5
ABBAS SAAD	Sydney Olympic	5
AURELIO VIDMAR	Adelaide City	5
DANNY WRIGHT	South Melbourne	5
PAT BRODNICK	Wollongong	5
STEVE SMITH	Preston	5
NICK MEREDITH	Brisbane Lions	5
PAUL TRIMBOLI	South Melbourne	5
DALE WHITE	Melbourne Croatia	5
SERGIO MELTA	Adelaide City	5

Maxwell's winning goal

BY ALAN CLARK

FORMER Soccerroo striker Stevie Maxwell accepted a gilt edged chance in the last minute of play, to give Adelaide City a deserved 3-2 win against Footscray on Sunday at Olympic Sports field.

The goal was a cruel blow for Footscray and midfielder Luciano Fabrizio in particular.

Fabrizio's pass back to his keeper was short and intercepted by Maxwell, who drifted in his second goal of the game and tenth of the season.

The score killed a brave Footscray fight back.

Adelaide City had opened impressively on a slippery mud-rutted pitch and went two up in the first 31 minutes.

Man of the match Sergio Melta shrugged off a Kenny Murphy challenge and slipped a pass to Soccerroo Joe Mullen. He took the ball wide and headed it, before swinging over a perfect cross that Maxwell banged home with his head.

Maxwell in 31 minutes sent in a cross that Melta miskicked into the path of young Colin Miller, who made no mistake with a six metre drive.

City was on top but not too convincing.

But Footscray almost killed off City's victory hopes with dead ball goals.

Referee Donald Campbell, in a good comeback from injury, awarded a penalty in the 39th minute when Neville Flounders tackled Warren Spink heavily. Oscar Crino did the

needful from the spot.

Then in the 52nd minute Crino hit a curving free kick hard and low and Spink got a touch to guide the ball in at the post.

City maintained the upper hand but it found keeper Zoran Nikitovic hard to beat.

The agile custodian denied Miller, Mullen and Melta when really all three should have scored.

Footscray looked to have grabbed a precious away point when Fabrizio gave away his silly back pass and Maxwell gleefully accepted his golden opportunity.

Footscray coach Mirsad Fazlagic was a forlorn figure as he stood alone in the car park after the game collecting his thoughts.

But his former Soccerroo midfielder Murphy, who had a power-

house game, said: "The better side won, but I thought we had just sneaked a point. Again we gave away a silly goal — that's been happening all season."

City coach Zoran Matic believes a top five place probably now is beyond his side, but he was reasonably satisfied with the win from a team that was hit by injury and suspension.

"On chances created we deserved to win," he said.

"But after being 2-0 up we threw the game into the hat again and were fortunate to get that late winner."

ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica, Northcote, Tobin, Nyskohus, Flounders, Melta, Santrac, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Miller (Vetsalis 82m).

FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic, Karic, Deankovic, Murphy, Van Egmond, Mitrovski, Tapal, Crino, Spink, Dimovski, Fabrizio, Curovic, Tubic. Referee: D.Campbell.



FRANK FARINA flies in to dispossess his Preston Makedonia opponent. Photo by Carmelo Bazzano.

South shoot for top

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS served warning that they are shooting for the NSL title by easily overpowering last season's League champions Apia Leichhardt 2-0 at Lambert Park.

South's reliable centre-back, Steve Blair, commented afterwards: "I really expected much more from Apia, but it didn't come."

Brian Garvey, South's ever diplomatic coach, reflected after the match: "Apia have had too many injuries which has not enabled them to field a consistent team, and that does not help their cause."

"As for us, I thought we did very well the first 15 minutes before they started to get stuck into us a bit."

Rale Rasic, Apia's coach later said: "They were far more enthusiastic than we were, and two mistakes cost us two goals."

Apia in fact should have hit the lead in the 20th minute when central striker, Rod Brown, missed an absolute sitter with a very soft strike from right in front just 10 metres out.

Six minutes later, Souths opened the scoring when international Paul Wade crashed in a flying header from the back post after meeting a perfect cross slung in from the left by fellow midfielder, George Kalogeros.

Wade stated later: "I didn't know that I had scored as I rolled into the net thinking Tony

Pezzano would have made the save. When I got up Paul Trimboli raced up to tell me I had scored."

"It was a fantastic feeling as it was my first goal in the League this season."

Last year Wade finished up as his club's top goalscorer, having knocked in no less than eight goals.

Souths should have scored another two before halftime as a Trimboli header in 38th minute from a Danny Wright cross was just wide. Two minutes from halftime left-back and skipper Angie Postecoglou rifled a 12 metre drive from the left which whistled wide of the back post.

Six minutes after the break Kalogeros hit Apia's left post and a dipping side volley by Danny Wright in the 69th minute crashed onto Apia's cross-bar.

South's midfield quartet of David Healy, Kalogeros, Wade and Peter Tsolakis were most industrious.

Two minutes from fulltime Souths secured both League points when striker Wright raided down the right, veered infield to smash a low drive into the bottom left corner of the target.

APIA: Pezzano: M.Brown, Reynolds, Yankos, De Marigny: Stewart, McKinna, Zajmi, Butler: Phillips (Parson 63m), R.Brown.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: McLaren: Anzaklis, Fernandez, Blair, Postecoglou: Healy, Kalogeros, Wade, Tsolakis (Michaels 81m): Wright, Trimboli. Referee: T.Seacy. Crowd: 1,579.

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"Their character was great," the coach said.

"But they were too eager towards the end. They were chasing the ball to take throw-ins and goal kicks when we should have been happy with a point."

Wollongong coach John Fleming believed his side threw a point away because they didn't apply more pressure on Olympic in the second half.

"For most of the second half you would have thought we had 10 men and they had 11," Fleming admitted.



DEAN MILOSEVIC slides in to dispossess Sydney Croatia dangerman MANIS LAMOND at Edensor Park on the weekend. Pic — Frank Saya

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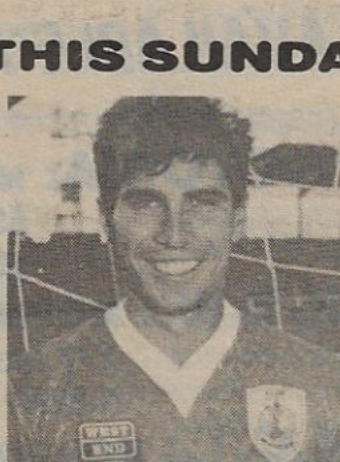
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Derby day blues for Melbourne Croatia

BY FRANK COLETTA

THE battle for supremacy in the all-Croatia derby between Sydney and Melbourne at Edensor Park, proved something of a non-event as the home side asserted their top spot on the table with a 2-0 victory.

Rarely, if ever, did the Melbourne Croatia outfit look likely to trouble their Sydney opponents — probably the reason for the deathly silence in their dressing room after the match.

With Mark Jones and Wally Savor doing their man-marking jobs to perfection (on Paul Lewis and Alan Scott respectively) Sydney Croatia took hold of the game and opened the scoring with just seven minutes gone.

Robbie Slater took off on one of his trademark bursts down the right flank and sent over an inch-perfect cross which Graham Arnold powered home with a firmly struck and well directed header.

The Melbourne side battled on but lacked the necessary spark up front. But for the initiative shown by Alan Davidson, Dean Milosevic and Josip Biskic, the visitors could have been in more trouble.

For a man who was in doubt before the game, Davidson was in rare mood playing in midfield.

Young Milosevic supplied the invention from the left flank but sadly lacked support and despite playing some poor passes early on, Biskic kept trying to move his side forward.

The Sydneysiders' talented front-running trio of Slater, Arnold and Manis Lamond created many openings and "with a little more concentration", said captain-coach Vedran Rozic, "they could have scored a few more goals."

In spite of being taken-to-the-cleaners by Milosevic, young Craig Foster still managed to trundle forward and supply the cross for the second goal.

Foster whipped the ball low and across the face of goal, eluding the clutches of Jeff Olver before Shane Clinch, who needed two attempts, rammed his shot into the net.

With a quarter of an hour remaining, Biskic supplied Melbourne Croatia's closest call, when his direct free-kick was spectacularly palmed away by Anthony Franken.

Rozic, nursing a wrenched left-knee, claimed the win was satisfying only in that the two points were secured.

"We can play a lot better and will have to over the next few weeks to keep our first spot. The boys here value the first past the post as much as any grand final win — so to say that we just want to finish in the top three for the finals is incorrect — we want to finish first," Rozic said.

SYDNEY Croatia: Franken, Savor, Jennings, Jones, Rozic, Clinch, Slater, Foster, Arnold, Petkovic (Rezo 89), Lamond (Krslovic 84). **MELBOURNE Croatia:** Olver, Heys, Davidson (Juric 86), Dunn, Valentis, Selemidis, Lewis, Biskic, Scott, White, Milosevic (Caleta 73).

CROWD: 6854

Referee: Alan Kibbler (Qld)

Yellow Cards: White (MC)



IT was him boss! Sydney Croatia's dynamic keeper ANTHONY FRANKEN seems to be telling captain-coach VEDRAN ROZIC that PAUL LEWIS did something wrong. MARK JONES (partly obscured) seems to agree! Pic — Frank Saya

Saints make it three in a row

BY KEITH GILMOUR

WINNING three games in the one week is just what the doctor ordered for St George, and at St George Stadium on Sunday they collected their third victory 3-1 at the expense of Sunshine George Cross.

Actually it was the visitors who found the net first, with a very classy goal from John Campelj.

After receiving a Robert Markovac pass, he brilliantly cut out one defender and moved into position to angle his 23rd minute shot past Mike Gibson.

It only took the Saints nine minutes to equalise, but it was a goal that they should never have

had.

Allan Pottier's shot struck a bump in the churned up penalty area, to jump up over Sean Keogh as he stretched out to cover the ball right where it should have been.

Despite Sunshine coach John Gardiner's comment that the main decisions all went St George's way, in fact his team had two particular strokes of luck.

In the 37th minute Mike O'Shea missed with a penalty shot that he tried to guide in, and right on halftime Steve O'Connor edged the ball in only to have referee Arthur Owens rule against him due to a claimed offence in the previous play.

Despite Sunshine's ability to push the ball around, it seemed even at this stage that the more likely outcome of the game would be a St George win, due to their ability to cover more ground and keep pegging away.

It took two penalties however to provide the difference.

Ollerenshaw crashed in his first following a 79th minute handball by Les Carter, and four minutes into extra time he did the trick again for the 3-1 scoreline.

It was certainly late drama, in the course of which unfortunately Saints full-back — and probably their best player — David Green was scythed down.

After that event replacement Andrew Marth was yellow-carded.

Kevin Hagan, Pedro Ricoy and Scott Ollerenshaw also served St George particularly well, whilst Campelj, Markovac and Markovski were amongst the best for the visitors.

ST GEORGE: Gibson, Green (Tortevski 92m), Grbevski, Moffitt, O'Connor, O'Shea, Pottier (Fletcher 63m), Hagan, Ricoy, Koczka, Ollerenshaw. **SUNSHINE:** Keogh, Taylor, Campelj, Parton, Waddell, Carter (Marth 85m), McLaren (Fawcner 82m), Katsakidis, Markovac, Markovski, Clark.

Referee: A.Owens. **Crowd:** 1010.

scored by Tommy McCulloch for a foul by Saints' centre-back, Mike O'Shea on de Jong.

Gerardo Gomez appeared to have put Marconi into the lead when he scored with a header. He collected a rebound off the crossbar from a shot from Zlatko Nastevski, but the ball hit the net near the cross-bar and bounced out.

St George finalised the outcome five minutes from the end when second half substitute Graeme Fletcher slammed in a short volley from a lovely Mike Grbevski cross on the left.

Marconi coach Berti Mariani stated after the match: "We played magnificently in the second half considering that early set-back and put St George under a lot of pressure. We were unfortunate not to have scored another two goals."

ST GEORGE: Gibson, Green, O'Shea, O'Connor, Grbevski, Ricoy (Tortevski 79m), Moffitt, Koczka, Pottier, Illic (Fletcher 46m), Hagan.

MARCONI: Catlin, Wheatley, Henderson, Calderan, Rizzotto, Gomez, Mason, McCulloch, Nastevski (Gunning 79m): Lowe, de Jong.

Referee: J.McConnell. **Crowd:** 628.

Tired legs handicap Marconi

MUD, slush and intermittent showers didn't stop Preston Makedonia and visiting Marconi from turning on a full blooded four goal spectacular as they shared the points with a 2-2 draw at Connor Reserve on Sunday.

Berti Mariani's powerhouse Marconi team looked set to run away with proceedings after a slashing opening, but tired legs from last Thursday's fixture at St George told dearly.

Inspired by a 'reborn' Goce Dimovski, Preston seized its chance to come storming back only to take the lead and give it away seconds from full time.

Makedonia led 2-1

until the 89th minute, when Zlatko Nastevski blasted a free kick through a six-man wall and inside the post to tie the match and leave new Connor Reserve boss Andon Doncevski a very frustrated man.

"I am satisfied and yet I am not," he told the press.

"We had the result that we needed until the final moment".

Marconi, with the likes of the brilliant Nastevski seemingly unimpeded by the heavy conditions, had a mortgage on the early going.

Six minutes after the break Marconi grabbed the lead it deserved when Fred De Jong brilliantly turned his marker and sent Nastevski clear in full stride for 1-0.

A 63rd minute sub-

stitution by the home side signalled the turning point, as Makedonia swung on Dimovski. The man who for so long has failed to live up to expectation suddenly ignited his team.

He got up, dusted himself off and within minutes grabbed an equaliser as he reached Ron Campbell's cross from the byline and headed home.

Three minutes later he started the move which resulted in Makedonia's second goal, as Campbell charged away down the left and crossed for Steve Smith to score.

PRESTON: Traianides, Opasnis, McLennan, Jackson, Tasevski (Piculovski 87m), Silvaskas, Petrov, Campbell, Stevenson (Dimovski 63m), Smith, Gojovic.

MARCONI: Catlin, Wheatley, Rizzotto, Henderson, Calderan, McCulloch, Gomez (Gunning 46m), Nastevski, Farina, de Jong, Lowe.

GREG BLAKE

Gibson's freak goal makes him Saints hero

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ST GEORGE goalkeeper Mike Gibson scored a spectacular early goal to lay the foundations for his side's shock 3-2 win over high riding Marconi, in the round 18 deferred game at St George Stadium on Thursday night.

Saints' coach, Frank Arok, ecstatic over the outcome, said: "This is the first time we have knocked up two wins in a row this season. It's great to follow up the victory over Sydney Olympic on the Queen's Birthday Monday."

Giant defender, Steve O'Connor, later commented: "We have only woken up in the last week or so after our big Grand Final win last year."

Less than sixty seconds after kick-off, Gibson gathered in a ball, looked downfield, and saw Marconi's custodian Bobby Catlin well off his line.

"When I saw Bobby off his line, I thought I should punt high and long as the surface was slippery and we had plenty of our players down that end," Gibson told us.

The punt was high and long, and took one

bounce well over Catlin's head and into the net.

Marconi found it very hard after this early set-back, and, before they regained their composure, Saints scored a second goal.

The intelligent left midfielder Alan Pottier shrugged off Steve Calderan's challenge to hit the target from 12 metres out for a 32nd minute goal.

Marconi scored right on halftime when striker Fred de Jong smashed into the net from the edge of the box.

Marconi suffered a second set-back when seven minutes after the break, the rugged midfielder, Craig Mason was red carded by referee John McConnell for an alleged elbow on St George's Craig Moffitt.

The 75th minute found Marconi equalising through a penalty

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THE EAGLES TO FALL?

BY ALEX VESIC

MELITA EAGLES, the undefeated League leader, travel to Newcastle this Saturday hoping to continue its winning form at the expense of the local outfit.

Alas, I fear this one will not be that easy.

Austral will be hard pressed to keep its claim for the top four alive. One point against Melita will keep them on the road, but will not guarantee much.

Therefore Newcastle must secure both points.

Melita will not surrender its great record of 16 League games without defeat and that could be their downfall. Should Melita come out firing then their chances of at least one point will be better than even.

Should the side adopt a negative attitude then the game will be Australs for the taking.

Blacktown City will travel to Grahams Reserve to face Warringah Freshwater. This is the one that Demons simply

must win and win well to keep its nose at least four points adrift of Melita.

I see no reason why Zarko Odzakovic and Co shouldn't account for an out of touch Warringah.

Rockdale Ilinden showed some scintillating form last weekend and should they continue in that vain then there is little room for hope that Yugal will do better than lose by two.

Inter Monaro will face Ku-ring-gai at Marco Polo aware of the fact that the side from Sydney's Northern Suburbs is not an easy nut to crack. But with Perinovic and Giampaolo firing on all cylinders there

is little hope of taking points away from Queanbeyan.

Polonia is on the slide but Canberra City is not in great shape. Much will depend on that moody forward line of Polonia. If it fires then watch out Tony Giannasca.

Canterbury is having numerous problems. One of the most obvious is their string of losses, while Sutherland has put a few wins under its belt and is quite confident about reaching the top four.

I fancy Sutherland in a tight encounter.

Uruguay Penrith is on the roll. Undefeated in the last seven matches with five wins on the trot is a proud record and the one that will prevail at Cook Park when the Gonzales led side faces Wollongong Macedonia.

Gawara out injured

POLONIA'S Polish and Legia Warsaw signing Gawara is most probably going to spend his time in Australia on holiday as it was discovered last week.

Gawara was injured at training in the first week since his arrival and is unlikely to play for another two or three weeks.

He was a notable omission from the side that crashed 2-0 to Rockdale Ilinden last Saturday at Chopin Park.

Rockdale Ilinden needing a win badly to restore some of its confidence came out firing on all cylinders, winning comfortably 2-0 but had they converted all the goal scoring chances provided then the scoreline would have looked distinctly unpleasant for Polonia.

Louis Dounis broke through after only five minutes from a through ball by Stuart Porter but his shot went straight at Thurlow.

The Polonia keeper was not so lucky ten minutes later as Ilinden swung its attack through Billy Pilovski and Patrick Rodas. From an accurate cross by Rodas to the far post Tony Genovese hit a first time volley which rocketed into the net.

Ilinden looked comfortable during the opening period with the

one goal lead but should have done better in the second half with chances arriving thick and fast.

Greg Lerond was through in the 51st and with Markovski available only a few metres from goal Lerond shot straight at Thurlow.

Lerond had further chances in the 55th and 60th as he outpaced this flatfooted Polonia defence but could do little when faced with only the keeper in goal.

Paul Darlington suffered the same faith as he faced Thurlow, while at the other end Stefan Janic and Jurek Drys blasted their shots well over the bar from close range.

Lerond missed another one in the 70th but managed to get on the scoring sheet when a low cross by Mark Koussas came in from the left hand side. Lerond stuck his favourite left foot to find the corner of the net, 2-0.

Polonia had its star player Sobczyk back in the line-up and with Drys getting a run in the second half showed some promise but with little penetration in front of goal.

To be fair to Polonia it was not entirely their ineptness in front of goal that caused them pain and anxiety. It was the commanding figure of Billy Pilovski who led his defence to perfection.

Steve Knight, Mike Boogard and Paul Darlington were the other players who shone as well as Darren Wilson.

POLONIA: Thurlow, Chou, Robertson (Drys 36th), Kulwicki, Lesek, Pratt, Anderson, Thompson (Sobczyk), Janduda, Janic.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Warren, Knight, Pilovski, Boogard, Rodas, Dounis (Koussas 70th), Darlington, Genovese (Lerond 32nd), Porter, Markovski, Wilson.



Greg Brown ... four goals for Melita.

U/19's

Melita Eagles	14	11	2	1	3	8	1	2	2	4
Blacktown	13	11	1	1	4	6	8	2	3	
Sutherland	13	8	3	2	2	6	1	6	1	9
Newcastle	13	6	4	3	3	2	4	1	6	
Ku-ring-gai	12	5	4	3	1	8	1	4	1	4
Wollongong	14	5	2	7	1	6	2	8	1	2
Monaro	13	4	3	6	1	9	2	3	1	1
Canterbury	12	3	5	4	2	4	2	4	1	1
Freshwater	10	4	2	4	1	2	1	6	1	0
Polonia	11	4	2	5	2	0	2	5	1	0
Uruguay	12	2	4	6	1	6	2	8		
Rockdale	12	3	2	7	2	0	2	5	8	
Canberra	12	1	4	7	1	6	3	7	6	
SSC Yugal	12	0	2	10	5	2	8	3		

An Irishman is up for grabs!

Brian Calvert of Coleraine club in the Northern Irish Football League is on the lookout for a club in Australia.

He arrived recently and has a twelve months visa. He rang our office indicating that he would like to gain some experience in the Australian football.

180cm tall, he has played most of his football at centre-back. Harry McCue, who is playing with Warringah Freshwater was amongst those Calvert remembers from his stint with Coleraine.

Brian lives at Waverley in Sydney and may be contacted on 389-5232.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER ANNUAL

Canberra City in late draw

CANBERRA CITY let a point slip away in injury time when it drew 1-1 with Warringah Freshwater at Deakin Oval on Saturday.

The game was the first played by City under the ownership of Croatia Deakin and the turmoil of the past week, the new venue and the cold weather, combined to produce only 300 spectators - the lowest NSW League attendance of the season in Canberra.

Steve Bryant looked sharp for City early on firing off a long ball from defence to George Kulcsar only for Ross Etherington to move in quickly and close him down.

At the other end there

was confusion as Kulcsar dived to head away an Alan Dean cross which goalkeeper Anthony Giannasca appeared to have covered.

Gary Cole was playing deep pumping long balls into the penalty area, and twice in a minute just before half time Ray Junna and Njegos Popovich were a shadow away from connecting with them.

Warringah's defence, creaking under all this pressure, finally gave

SHARPE DECIDES

DARYL Sharpe scored his second goal of the season last Sunday to steer his side to a narrow 1-0 victory over Polonia at Seymour Shaw.

Westfield Soccer Sharks wasted no time in getting their style across to subdue Polonia in the opening stanza and pepper Thurlow from all angles.

But the visitors, not keen on a fast and almost hazardous style, slowed the game down sufficiently to even the balance midway through the half.

However without Pavel Janduda and Krzysztof Gawara Polonia was sadly depleted at both ends of the park. Stefan Janic was left to fight a lone battle up front and could not break this well organised defence of Sutherland.

land.

As both goalkeepers showed great form neither side looked strong enough to penetrate the other defence and settle the issue until a superb header by Sharpe with twenty minutes to go.

Bruce Johnstone's cross from the left flank to the far post was met with a low diving header by Sharpe, giving Thurlow no chance.

Polonia came out firing on all cylinders in the closing stages looking for that elusive goal but to no avail as John O'Shea and Peter Terry held strings together for the Sharks.

Newcastle on the skids

DAVID BATTEN scored two goals last Sunday to spearhead Uruguay Penrith to a narrow but deserved 2-1 victory against Newcastle Austral.

Newcastle's defence was under enormous pressure in the opening 15 minutes with Uruguay attacking from all angles and it was no surprise to see David Batten put his side ahead.

Adam Sandy made the break on the right hand side and his cross found the hand of Paul Crabtree. Batten scored from the resultant penalty to give his side a well deserved lead.

Slowly but surely the visitors assumed control as Uruguay felt it had done enough to win.

A few chances came Newcastle's way but with little luck in front of goal until the 59th minute when Martin Cummins broke through for the equaliser.

This goal did more for the home side than for the visitors.

It was Uruguay who came forward now with Austral relying on its defence and quite content with one point. With this attitude the side almost paid dearly in the closing stages at Austral Park the previous week and this time Batten made sure that the penalty for slacking off was severe.

His shot from about 15 metres on the left side took a deflection and found the net past Carter.

URUGUAY PENRITH: Hoare, Woods, O'Donnell, Mathew Bourke, Gonzales, Martin Bourke, Batten, Bradley, Sandy, Genc, McKie.

NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL: Carter, Bowen, Achurch, Crabtree, Tredinnick, Clarke (Bellie), Cummins, Devon, Bailey, Holden, Jones.

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RACE FOR LEADING SCORER HOTS UP

BY ALEX VESIC

MELITA EAGLES slammed five past Angells to defeat Canterbury Marrickville at Melita Stadium and keep its four point lead intact after last Sunday but the battle for the goal scoring honours is hotting up.

Greg Brown helped himself to his second hat-trick of the season to be on 15 goals after 16 rounds. Marko Perinovic of Inter Monaro equalised against Yugal at Mona Park last Sunday to be on 15 goals also.

With the next player on the list of top scorers six goals adrift of these two it would be safe to assume that the TOP GUN in 1988 will be either an Inter Monaro or Melita Eagles player.

Blacktown City kept in the chase for the title with a hard fought 1-0 victory over Rockdale Ilinden but few would deny Steve Watson the Man-of-the-match billing as he repeatedly saved the Demons from disaster.

Warringah Freshwater were lucky to pinch a point against Canberra at Deakin while Inter Monaro almost lost its match against Yugal at Mona Park.

Sutherland accounted for Polonia at Seymour, making this the most misserable weekend for the visitors who lost both their matches without scoring a single goal.

There was a touch of luck as David Batten struck home to give Uruguay Penrith its hard fought 2-1 victory against Newcastle Austral at Cook Park with the home side emerging as an outside chance for the title.

Greg Brown hat-tricks

BY ALEX VESIC

IT WAS all systems go for the runaway leaders in the NSW State League as Greg Brown scored his second hat-trick of the season to spearhead Melita Eagles to an easy 5-2 win over Canterbury Marrickville Olympic at Melita Stadium last Sunday.

Andrew Callanan and Wayne Farnsworth gave Melita a well deserved 2-0 lead after 36 minutes before Brown chimed in with three goals of his own to make it 5-0 after 60 minutes.

However, Canterbury showed some fight to come back from the brink of near disaster to steer home two of its own through Hantzis and Millosourgis easing the pains of a few well known Canterbury officials.

Callanan opened the scoring after 14 minutes with a well measured shot from just outside the penalty area following some good work by Wayne Farnsworth and Lenny Vial.

A long clearance by Alex McPherson found Vial in the 33rd minute. He turned to poke a through ball for Wayne Farnsworth who neatly poked his shot under Angelis for the second.

Only three minutes later and following another long clearance by the keeper Ray Farrugia pushed a through ball for Brown who ran around a defender before scoring.

Hugo Jimenez superb run in the 48th led to Millosourgis with little

option but to bring the Argentinian down and from the resultant penalty Brown made it 4-0.

Jimenez was brought down once again in the 60th on the edge of the penalty area and this time from a free kick Brown was accurate to steer the ball wide of Angelis to complete his hat-trick.

With half a dozen chances already missed and leading 5-0 Melita looked set for a huge score.

Alas it was Canterbury who continued the scoring from then on. From an indirect free kick inside the Melita penalty area the ball was pushed to Spiro Hantzis and his power ladden shot took a deflection on the way into the net.

Only a minute later in the 73rd Millosourgis chipped McPherson to make it 5-2 and from then on it was Melita again.

Vial missed in the 76th, Cerro was straight at keeper ten minutes later then Farrugia almost scored twice in the last two minutes to end proceedings at Melita Stadium.

Brown who scored his

Berries

hat-trick could have had two more goals at the start of the match but fired over the bar in the 4th and 6th.

Vial, who had a superb game was also over the bar in the tenth after a good move which involved Farrugia and Brown.

Canterbury had lone battlers in their side in the faces of Spiro Hantzis, John Radman and Zlatko Arambasic, but that apart the Berries are in deep strife.

MELITA EAGLES: McPherson, Rodriguez, Meerban, Williams, Barrios, Callanan (Cerro 50th), Vial, Farrugia, Farnsworth (Robertson 60th), Jimenez, Brown. CANTEBURY: Angelis, Vadarakis (Zulj 49th), Radman, Hantzis, Millosourgis, Mickovski, Dragicevic, Borges, Arambasic, George, Perdomo.

NEW SOUTH WALES

STATE LEAGUE 1ST DIVISION

Polonia v Rockdale	0-2	2-0
Ku-ring-gai v Wollongong Macedonia	pp	pp
Canberra City v Warringah	1-1	
Blacktown City v Rockdale	1-0	1-0
SSC Yugal v Inter Monaro	2-2	4-2
Sutherland v Polonia	1-3	3-0
Melita v Canterbury	5-2	4-2
Penrith v Newcastle	2-1	1-2

STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIVISION

Maroubra QP v Granville C.	2-5	0-1	3-0
North Sydney v Kingsford	pp	pp	pp
Avala v Fairy Meadow	6-0	4-0	4-1
Bathurst 75 v Campbelltown	1-3	1-4	0-3
Uni of NSW v Blacktown U.	3-2	1-1	1-1
Sydney Mac v Gladesville H.	4-2	2-1	1-1
Bankstown v Manly Warringah	1-2	1-0	9-0

STATE LEAGUE 3RD DIVISION

King Tomislav v Canterbury	pp	pp
Southern Dist v Port Hacking	1-2	3-0
Moorebank v Bondi Marine	0-0	5-2
Mt Druitt v Concordia	3-1	1-1
Baulkham Hills v Dulwich Hill	1-4	2-1
Orange Waratah v Rooty Hill West	7-2	2-4
Concordia v Baulkham Hills	1-1	0-2
Rooty Hill W/Utd v Moorebank	0-2	3-0

INTER URBAN 1ST DIVISION

Spanish Club v Padstow Park	1-1	2-3
Pagewood v Rangers Hajduk	3-2	1-2
Hawkesbury v Eastwood	1-1	2-2
North Ryde RSL v Chelsea	0-0	2-0
Nineveh Eagles v Sydney Uni	1-4	0-2
Pagewood v Spanish Club	4-0	2-0

INTER URBAN 2ND DIVISION

Chile Sports v CSI Schofields	2-0	4-3
Greenland v Liverpool City	2-0	6-1
Trasandinos v Fairfield Kiev	0-1	0-0
Macquarie Uni v Concord Juniors	1-0	1-3
Haberfield Peru v Blacktown Wands	0-4	0-5
Wenty Waratah v Cyprus United	0-0	1-2

INTER URBAN 3RD DIVISION

Prospect United v Abruzzi	2-0	4-0
Murray Farm v Colo Colo	0-1	5-2
Alexander v Colo Colo	1-3	5-3
Hellas v Petersham	2-0	2-1
SSC Zagreb v Murray Farm	2-0	2-1
Lithgow v Arncliffe	2-2	2-4
Castle Hill v Mt Pritchard	2-1	0-1

INTER URBAN 4TH DIVISION

S.P.Q. Noantri v Korean	4-1	0-4
Ashour Star v G.N.S. United	0-1	1-3
Liverpool Oly v Assyrian	0-2	0-3
Belmore Hercules v Sydney Lebanon	1-1	6-3
Luddenham Croat v Maccabi Hakoah	2-5	0-4

Steve Watson's magic aids Blacktown City

THANKS to a brilliant display of goalkeeping by Steve Watson Blacktown City took both points with a narrow 1-0 win over Rockdale Ilinden at the Gabbie Stadium last Sunday.

Showing no ill effects of its previous day encounter with Polonia, the visitors from Rockdale attacked the locals from the outset giving notice this side is not washed up in 1988.

From the time Mark Koussas raced through to fire a 20 metre drive which Watson brilliantly saved it was always going to be "one of those days" for the visitors as Watson repeatedly denied anything that was thrown at him.

Darren Wilson was the next man to find out just how difficult it was going to be as he broke through the Demons defence. Jason Dunn, chasing back, just managed to block the shot and save his side.

Watson was in the thick of things just on half-time as he managed to deny Darren Wilson after a through ball saw Ilinden's midfielder inside the penalty area.

To win this match one needed a stroke of genius and it came from Zarko Odzakov after seven minutes in the second half. He raced past three players with skills we rarely see from him in the State League then provided a pass for John Cavanah who made no mistake with his shot from just outside the area.

Superb touch by Odzakov and even better finishing by Cavanah.



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Undetected, Rockdale Ilinden continued to attack looking for this ever elusive goal and almost made it through Darren Wilson soon after Cavanah gave Blacktown the lead.

Wilson's 35 metre drive looked destined to go under the crossbar. Once again Watson tipped the ball over the crossbar to save the Demons.

Paul Darlington came close to scoring in the 65th but yet again that man Watson was on the



STEVE WATSON makes a save for Blacktown

spot to deny the visitors.

At the other end a Ralph Maier effort was saved by Warren.

With Rockdale pressing hard for the equaliser Watson made three further saves much to the chagrin of Rockdale's coach, Ilija Takac, who by now was tearing the remains of his hair out.

But the save by Watson in the final minute from Darlington at close

range not only capped a brilliant display by the ex NSW keeper but also gave the Demons maximum points much to the displeasure of the Rockdale Ilinden crowd.

BLACKTOWN: Watson, L Sterrey, G Sterrey, Dunn, Northam, Cavanah, Odzakov (Ellem 46th), Maier, Reis (Thorntwaite 46th), Naumov, Van Blark.

ROCKDALE: Warren, Knight, Ploovski, Boogard, Rodas, Wilson, Markovski, Darlington (Lerond), Nastoski (Genovese), Dounis, Koussas.

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Newcastle v Melita Eagles Austral Park

SECOND DIVISION

Fairy Meadow v Bathurst '75 Police Boys Gd
Kingsford v Maroubra Queens Pk Kensington Oval
North Sydney v Manly Warringah Artarmon Res.

3RD DIVISION

Concordia v Southern Districts Arlington Oval

SUNDAY JUNE 26

Warringah v Blacktown City Grahams Res.
Rockdale v SSC Yugal Hurstville Ov.
Inter Monaro v Ku-ring-gai Marco Polo
Polonia v Canberra Chopin Park
Canterbury v Sutherland Arlington Oval
Penrith v Wollongong Cook Park

SECOND DIVISION

Gladesville v Avala Magdala Oval
Campbelltown v Blacktown United Lynwood Park
Granville Chile v Sydney Macedonia Garside Park
Bankstown v Uni. of NSW Potts Park

THIRD DIVISION

Port Hacking v Bondi Marine Seymour Shaw
Dulwich Hill v Mt Druitt Town Camperdown Ov.
King Tomislav v Baulkham Hills Croatia S.G.
Rooty Hill W/Utd v Canterbury Cawarra Park
Orange Waratah v Moorebank Waratah S.G.

Kick off times: FIRST DIVISION first grade 3pm, Under 19 1pm.

SECOND DIVISION first grade 3pm, 2nd grade 1.10pm, 3rd grade 11.30am.

See a top State League match this week!

Sutherland host the Soccerroos

NEXT Thursday night Sutherland Westfield Soccer Sharks will welcome the Australian national team to Seymour Shaw Park.

The Soccerroos from New South Wales will play Sutherland in a friendly, designed to have at least part of the Australian squad tuned for its forthcoming Gold Cup tournament.

According to Peter Grey, the president of Sutherland Soccer club, the locals will put on a great show for the visitors.

We are not being told of the details of this

show but one thing is for sure, come 7.30pm at Seymour, the NSW State League giant, Sutherland will face Australia in a match Sutherland does not wish to lose!

It is a great effort to put on a solid football show for one of the largest footballing districts in NSW as well as providing the national team with the necessary practice before the big tournament in July.

Keenan grabs draw

SPRINGVALE coach Gus MacLeod was a happy man after his team's gutsy 2-2 draw with visiting Caulfield.

Twice McLeod saw his team fall behind, but they showed tremendous determination to fight back and earned a share of points.

"The way we kept fighting back shows we have character," McLeod said. "Make no mistake. We are totally behind each other."

Eduard Zolotarev, a new signing who was given permission to leave the USSR, set up the opening goal just before half-time for Nick Deligiannis.

Springvale levelled when leading scorer Peter Verecchia headed home a floating cross.

End-to-end action followed, but Caulfield restored their lead when Angie Goutzoulis was brought down in the penalty area and Paul Harris made no mistake with the spot kick.

McLeod's men again drove themselves forward and Steve Keenan punished some uncertainty in the Caulfield defence to again level with just three minutes remaining.

SPRINGVALE: Mur, Rau, Riley, Bryden, Whyte (Richardson), Findlay, Livingstone, Morrey (Kral), Bozic, Keenan, Verecchia.

CAULFIELD: Koletis, Bitsonis, Telridis, Fattore, Harris, Theodoros, Deligiannis, Zolotarev, Goutzoulis, Alligzoidis, Hamakatiotis (Abram).



CLAUDE LUCCHESI of Heidelberg moves in before Northcote's MARTIN WOODALL. Pic — Carmelo Bazzano

GOAL GLUT

THOMASTOWN crushed Bulleen 3-0 in an All-Italian derby at the Partridge Reserve displaying an attractive brand of Soccer.

The Red and Blacks kicked off brilliantly as they hit the lead after just three minutes. Visa player, Norman Dougherty blasted a 20 metre piledriver to open the scoring.

Bulleen were never able to recover and every move they made was thwarted by the Thomastown defence.

The second half saw the home team pile on the pressure and in the 73rd minute were rewarded further.

First division Welsh guest player, Kevin Rogers, drove home a curling

free-kick which effectively killed off any chance the visitors had of mounting a comeback.

Nine minutes from the end, English import Paul Lewis finished off a fine build-up and easily beat 'keeper Alan Contini for the third goal.

The loss ended Bulleen's previous streak of six-games unbeaten.

Overall it was Thomastown's superior skill and experience which gave it victory and put them within reach of the leading group of teams.

THOMASTOWN: Janakievski, Mihalidis, McMillan, Planalto, Higgins, Christaldo, Carfora, Dougherty, Athersych, Lewis, Rogers.

BULLEEN: Contini, Marsan, Curcio, Angele, Kraljic, Curulli, Trogrlic, Boziskas, Ruccia, Lujic, Boarotto (Romano) (Avian).



OAKLEIGH's JIMMY GORST is tackled by GREEN GULLY's JOE O'DONNELL. Photo shot by Carmelo Bazzano

Victorian State League

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Heidelberg	10	2	4	32	17	22
Northcote City	8	5	3	27	17	21
Green Gully	7	6	3	23	12	20
Caulfield City	7	6	3	26	19	20
Thomastown	9	2	5	19	16	20
St Albans	7	5	4	22	16	19
Croydon City	7	5	4	20	18	19
Morwell Falcons	5	5	5	14	14	16
Polonia	5	5	6	25	22	15
Ringwood City	6	3	7	23	25	15
Bulleen	5	5	6	14	19	15
Box Hill	3	6	7	18	25	12
Springvale City	3	6	7	13	24	12
Fawkner	4	3	9	11	19	11
Oakleigh	3	4	9	12	22	10
Western Suburbs	4	1	11	18	31	9

Results

OAKLEIGH 1 (Murphy) GREEN GULLY 2 (Christie, Douglas)
ST ALBANS 0 FAWKNER 0
SPRINGVALE 2 (Keenan, Verecchia) CAULFIELD 2 (Harris, Deligiannis)
CROYDON 1 (Dobson) MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Sokoluk)
POLONIA 2 (Watson, De Bono) NORTHCOTE 2 (J and N Constantinov)
RINGWOOD CITY 3 (Nijholt 2, Corvan) HEIDELBERG 2 (Morovic 2)
THOMASTOWN 3 (Dougherty, Lewis, Rogers) Bulleen 0.
WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Tuck) BOX HILL 2 (Brimmer, Campbell)

Top Scorers

9: I. Kelic (St Albans)
8: M. Woodall (N'cote), A. Goutzioulis (Caulfield) D Morovic (Heidelberg), J Nijholt (Ringwood)
7: B. McGuinness (Thomastown)
6: J. Anastasiadis, G. French (Croydon), D. Brown (Fawkner), S Brimmer (Box Hill), D Tuck (Wests), G French (Croydon).

NEXT WEEK (RD 17)

SAT: JUNE 25

Morwell Falcons v Western Suburbs

Bulleen v Croydon City

Caulfield City v Thomastown

SUN: JUNE 26

Heidelberg United v Oakleigh

Green Gully v St Albans

Maribymong v Ringwood City

Box Hill v Northcote City

Springvale City v Fawkner

McAleer back in charge

AFTER a week of upheaval at Fawkner, which saw coach Mike Lynn sacked and replaced by Frank McAleer, the club was delighted with a 0-0 draw away to St Albans.

McAleer, returning to the club which sacked him after only two games, was a relieved man after the game.

St Albans was looking for a win after suffering consecutive losses and with both teams desperate, the game developed into a dour struggle.

Although defences were on top, the clearer chances fell to Fawkner.

Only the excellence of goalkeeper Mato Grgic kept St Albans from going behind.

Veteran striker Doug Brown had three opportunities to put his side into the lead, but Grgic was on hand to foil him each time.

Fawkner has fallen down in front of goal all year, scoring only 11 times in total, and a solution will have to be found soon if the club is to avoid relegation.

St Albans also need to resolve their drought. They are falling behind in the race for the championship.

ST ALBANS: Grgic, Dragovic, Kuzman, Colina, Macan, Kupresak, Duzel, Rastocic, Kelic, Popovski, Culina, Gugula.

FAWKNER: Wilson, Fraser, Campbell, Walsh, Faria, Hennessey, Chlavelli, Sabatino, Trajkovski, Brown, Tuffield (Schipano).

Oakleigh plans to lodge protest

GREEN Gully climbed back to third spot on the ladder with a solid 2-1 victory over struggling Oakleigh in atrocious conditions at Caloola Reserve.

The conditions were so bad that Oakleigh are to lodge a protest claiming the game should have been halted.

Oakleigh coach Takis Svingos says the ground became too dangerous over the final 30 minutes. Many neutral spectators saw things the same way, but referee Michael Gaut disagreed.

"It became so ridiculous you couldn't even see the ball," said Svingos. "Players couldn't kick the ball further than five yards and players on both sides were risking injury. Even the penalty area lines disappeared in the mud."

The ground is one of the worst in the league and Oakleigh is considering switching home venues if the situation doesn't improve.

Green Gully adapted to the conditions better, however, and played the ball wide. It had more method in attack and was determined to reach the ball first.

The first goal came after 21 minutes when a Collin Quigley corner from the left was only half-saved by goalkeeper Spiro Kardamitsis.

The ball slid out of his grasp to Gerry Christie, who slotted home his first goal since arriving from Britain recently.

Eleven minute later it was 2-0. A Joe O'Donnell cross from the left was tapped in by Steve Douglas.

A minute from half-time Oakleigh pegged a goal back when Paul Murphy was fouled just outside the penalty box.

Murphy's free-kick flew into the left side of the net. It was his third goal in two games since joining Oakleigh from Melbourne Croatia.

OAKLEIGH: Kardamitsis, Theodoropoulos, Crutzmacher, Gorst, Henderson, Halford, Livingstone, Ross, Nicolaidis, Murphy, Ward (Karpadinas 15th).

GREEN GULLY: Sant, Napoli, Grimaud, Cutler (Cannell 10th), McLaren, Smart, Quigley, Wilson, Douglas (Farquharson 80th), Christie, O'Donnell.

On the ball in SOUTH AMERICA

BY MARIO ETCHART

RACING of Argentina has won the South American Super Cup, a tournament reserved for winners of the "Copa Libertadores de America," the major competition at club level. Racing drew with Cruzeiro of Brazil, 1-1, at the Belo Horizonte Stadium, in front of a crowd of 67,000.

Argentinian striker Catalan opened the score two minutes from the end of the first half. The equaliser came from Robson in the 38th minute of the second half.

Racing won the first leg of the final 2-1, played by Buenos Aires last week.

Carlos Alberto Silva, Cruzeiro's coach and also national team coach, ordered his players to attack from the first minute of the game. But veteran goalkeeper, Ubaldo Fillol, 1978 World Champion with Argentina, was the main obstacle for the Brazilian strikers.

Six minutes before the end, Heraldo from Cruzeiro, and Racing's midfielder Colombatti, were sent off.

Racing Club, 15 times Argentinian Champion, 1967 South American champion and winner of the Intercontinental Cup after defeating Glasgow Celtic the same year, deserved the title.

The champion's line up was: Fillol, Vazquez, Costas, Fabbri, Olan, Acuna, Luduena, Colombatti, Paz, Catalan, W Fernandez.

Argentines strongest possible squad

ARGENTINA has announced a team of unbelievable quality for the Bicentennial Gold Cup.

Soccer coach Frank Arok said he always expected tough opposition, but the calibre of Argentine and Brazil will bring the best out of his players.

The Argentine team includes Claudio Caniggia, who has just been secured by Verona for \$2.9 million.

The squad is: Pumpido, Goycochea, Islas, Cancelarich, Clausen, Cuculuffo, Garre, Olarticochea, Ruggeri, Lorenzo, Batista, Giusti, Alrez, Mayor, Rodriguez, Dertycia, Troglio, Caniggia, Diaz and Sivski.

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Polonia hits back

POLONIA came from two goals behind to snatch an important point in a 2-2 draw against title challengers Northcote City at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday.

The point allowed Polonia to keep itself out of relegation territory - and it took a gutsy effort to do it.

The game was played at a blistering pace in surprisingly good conditions. The ground was slippery, but not muddy.

Jim Constantinou latched onto a through ball, caught the Polonia defence square and slotted home to give Northcote a 1-0 lead at halftime.

Three minutes after the break, Northcote made it 2-0 in fine style. Slick teamwork ended with Jim Constantinou shooting home with a shot that was deflected off the post.

The game became a tough encounter from that point on, but the skilful Polonia outfit was able to match the opposition in that department.

Polonia pegged a goal back when Watson slotted home from close range, and equalised with a slick move from halfway that saw Peter Czapnik cross from the left flank. Striker Brendan Lakic dummied to allow young front runner Paul de Bono to score from right in front.

De Bono also had two opportunities to clinch victory, but the 19-year-old squandered both through inexperience.

POLONIA: Kozrzewa, Liparski, Smolarek, Innes, Baran (Przybyla 35th), Chetcuti, Czapnik, Watson, Bonk, Lakic, De Bono.

NORTHCOTE: Tarudia, Bekiaris, N Constantinou, Palmaricciotti, Kouremenos, Woodall, Tsangos, Ramos, Gilder, Manou, J Constantinou.



VITAL WIN FOR HILL

BOX Hill outplayed fellow relegation candidates Western Suburbs to score a 2-1 victory at Ralph Reserve.

Wests are currently without a coach following the resignation of Jim Gondalis. Dimos Dimovski is doing the job in a caretaker role until a replacement can be found.

Box Hill striker Steve Brimmer got his team off to a good start by opening the scoring with his sixth goal of the season, but speedy Wests striker Darren Tuck grabbed the equaliser before the break.

Tuck has been a consistent scorer in a losing side this season. His strike was also his sixth of the year.

Box Hill seemed the more desperate team as both mounted second half attacks, but it seemed as if goalkeeper Rocky Tachiris would keep them at bay. He made some splendid saves.

It was George Campbell who made the crucial breakthrough, dribbling past a defender to net from close range.

Box Hill are now only three points away from safety, but Western Suburbs have a real mountain to climb. Depressingly for them, they have conceded more goals than any other team in the competition.

Wests currently are negotiating with a number of leading coaches to replace Gondalis on a permanent basis, including former Polonia and Ringwood coach Rob Nelson and former Victorian state midfielder Jim Tansey.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Tachiris, Kondouris, Hamill, Pander, Esposito, Dimovski (Kopartis 80th), Markovski, Williams (Stefanidis 80th), Metaxos, Daley, Tuck.

BOX HILL: McKinnay, McArthur, Roodhouse, Davidson, Arestis, Campbell, McBride, Burton, Thomas, Brimmer, Hanley.

JOHN DOWIE (4) of Heidelberg gives Northcote's JIM CONSTANTINOU a little nudge!

Croydon recovers to share points

CROYDON City staged a recovery to share the points with Morwell Falcons in a highly entertaining 1-1 draw at Town Park on Sunday.

Both sets of players did their coaches proud. It was a sterling contest and there was much to admire for the spectators on hand.

It was a free-flowing and spirited game played under trying conditions intelligently handled by referee Chris Bambridge.

Morwell was the superior team in the first half and could have netted three times in the opening 20 minutes.

Croydon goalkeeper Mirko Runje was in fine form, however, tipping over a goalbound header from Ian Stirton and then diving low to save a threatening strike from John Sokoluk.

It was striker Sokoluk who broke the deadlock after 15 minutes, side-stepping a defender to slot home.

Croydon equalised on



OAKLEIGH's JIMMY GORST is tackled by GREEN GULLY's JOE O'DONNELL during the weekend Victorian State League encounter. Photo from Carmelo Bazzano's lens.

Ringwood upsets leaders

RINGWOOD City pulled off yet another shock by defeating league leaders Heidelberg 3-2 to claw their way out of the relegation zone.

Heidelberg suffered its second loss in succession and now leads second-placed Northcote City by only one point.

Ringwood now is unbeaten in its last five matches and is out of the danger zone for the first time season.

Ringwood stunned the Bergers with its early urgency and jumped to a 2-0 lead by halftime.

The first goal came following neat work down the left, when striker John Nijholt slotted home a cross.

John Corvan made it 2-0 with a chipped free-kick from the edge of

the penalty area.

It took Heidelberg only five minutes of the second half to peg one goal back. Tall striker Dennis Morovic was well placed to head home his seventh goal of the season.

Morovic also grabbed the equaliser with 20 minutes remaining, scrambling the ball home after a defensive mix-up.

Ringwood hit back, however, and a combination of luck and poor defending allowed

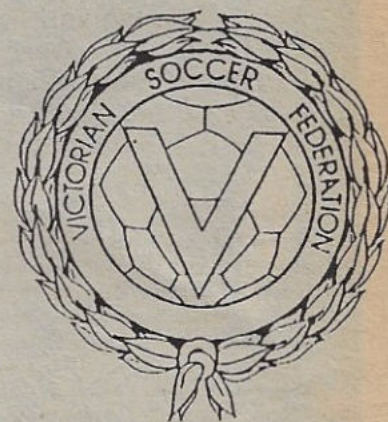
it to hit the decider.

Arthur Patiniotis mis-kicked fatally close to the goal and Nijholt pounced to dribble past the keeper and slot home. Heidelberg looked distraught.

Heidelberg will be boosted, however, by the return to coaching duties of Terry Hennessey, who has been given the all-clear by his doctor after missing a couple of months because of a heart condition.

HEIDELBERG: Hatzirasoumas, Patiniotis, Ousalkas, Bordigon, Lucchesi, O'Dell, Kanesoulis, Anastasiadis, Morovic, Raynes.

RINGWOOD: Janssen, Moyers, Verniers, May, Wemyss, Kennedy, Cummings, Corvan, Nolan, Nijholt, Davie.



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Brazilian football has an enormous capacity to produce many new and great talents with a variety of formations which always produce attractive and winning football.

We are coming to Australia, not with old, decayed, veteran players, but with our team for the 1990 World Cup which is just two years away and which we believe we can win.

We are not about to surrender the splendid opportunity to prepare our team against such opposition as World Cup holders Argentina, the Saudis, who we know plenty about, and Australia, with a meaningless team.

The team which coach Carlos Alberto Silva brings to your country will get the applause of the Australian public the same as it did when we won the Sir

The President of Confederacao Brasileira de Futebol, Octavio Pinto Guimaraes, sets the scene for their Gold Cup Challenge.

Stanley Rous Cup in Britain last year, beating Scotland 2-0 at Wembley Stadium before 92,000 fans.

The world has always been telling the C.B.F. it is not producing its "best" team and that we play "unknown" players in our national selection.

Without our "best" team and "unknown" players we have won the World Cup three times, the World Youth championship twice, the Bicentennial Cup in the United States of America, the Silver Medal at the last Olympics and their fair play trophy twice at the World Cup.

Brazil was crazy, we were told, to take an "unknown" 17 year old to the 1958 World Cup in Sweden — Pele.

Many of our greatest talents have been "unknown" before world championships and other major tournaments. Who knew of Careca, Josimar, Muller, Elzo, Edinho, Branco, Alemao, Julio Cesar and Company BEFORE the 1986 World Cup in Mexico?

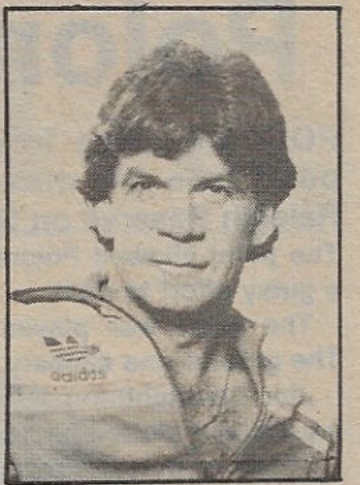
We also consider our European based players are a disruptive influence on our national team.

They are unavailable for correct preparations, seek better conditions and look down on the poor local based players.

Of the twenty eight Brazilian players now playing in Europe only Careca and Julio Cesar would be considered for our 1990 World Cup team.

There is also a well informed opinion within Brazil that if we did not play European based players in the last World Cup we would have won in Mexico . . . Junior, Falcao and Socrates were among our worst performed players in Mexico.

I repeat we are coming to Australia with our best selection and intend, as we did in the United States in 1976, to win the Bicentennial Gold Cup.



ASW special writer and former Socceroo skipper **JOHNNY WARREN** casts an eye over various topics in the Soccer world. His thought provoking comments make enlightening reading . . .



JORGINHO

Twenty three year old attacking right full back who has taken over from Josimar as the number one full-back in Brazil.

Plays for the popular Flamengo Club in Rio and was a member of Brazil's 1983 World Cup winning Youth team in Mexico.

Played both games when Brazil beat Scotland 2-0 and drew 1-1 with England at Wembley to win the Sir Stanley Rous Cup. Played all seven games in Brazil's qualification matches for the Olympics in Seoul.

An aggressive, skilled attacking defender.



MULLER

The best known Brazilian player to Australian fans as he played in the last World Cup in Mexico in 1986.

Is still only 22 years of age and play for the famous Sao Paulo club in Sao Paulo where he is the leading scorer in the league — 16 goals.

Is ineligible for the Olympics in Seoul and was a member of Brazil's Youth team which won the 1983 World Cup in Mexico.

VALDO

The best allround player in Brazil — the motor of the Brazilian national team.

Is the only 22 years of age and plays for Gremio.

Recently sold to Benfica for \$2 million dollars.

Played six times on European tour in 1987 including the defeat of Scotland, drew with England and 4-0 defeat of Israel in Tel Aviv.

GEOVANI

Twenty three years of age and plays in the midfield for Vasco da Gama.

Known to Australian fans as he toured he with Vasco several years ago.

A member of the 1983 World Youth

Brilliant Brazilians. From l to r: Muller, Jorginho, Geovani and Romario

Championship winning team.

INTRODUCTIONS!

Over the coming weeks we will introduced readers to some of the overseas stars coming to Australia for the Bicentennial Gold Cup.

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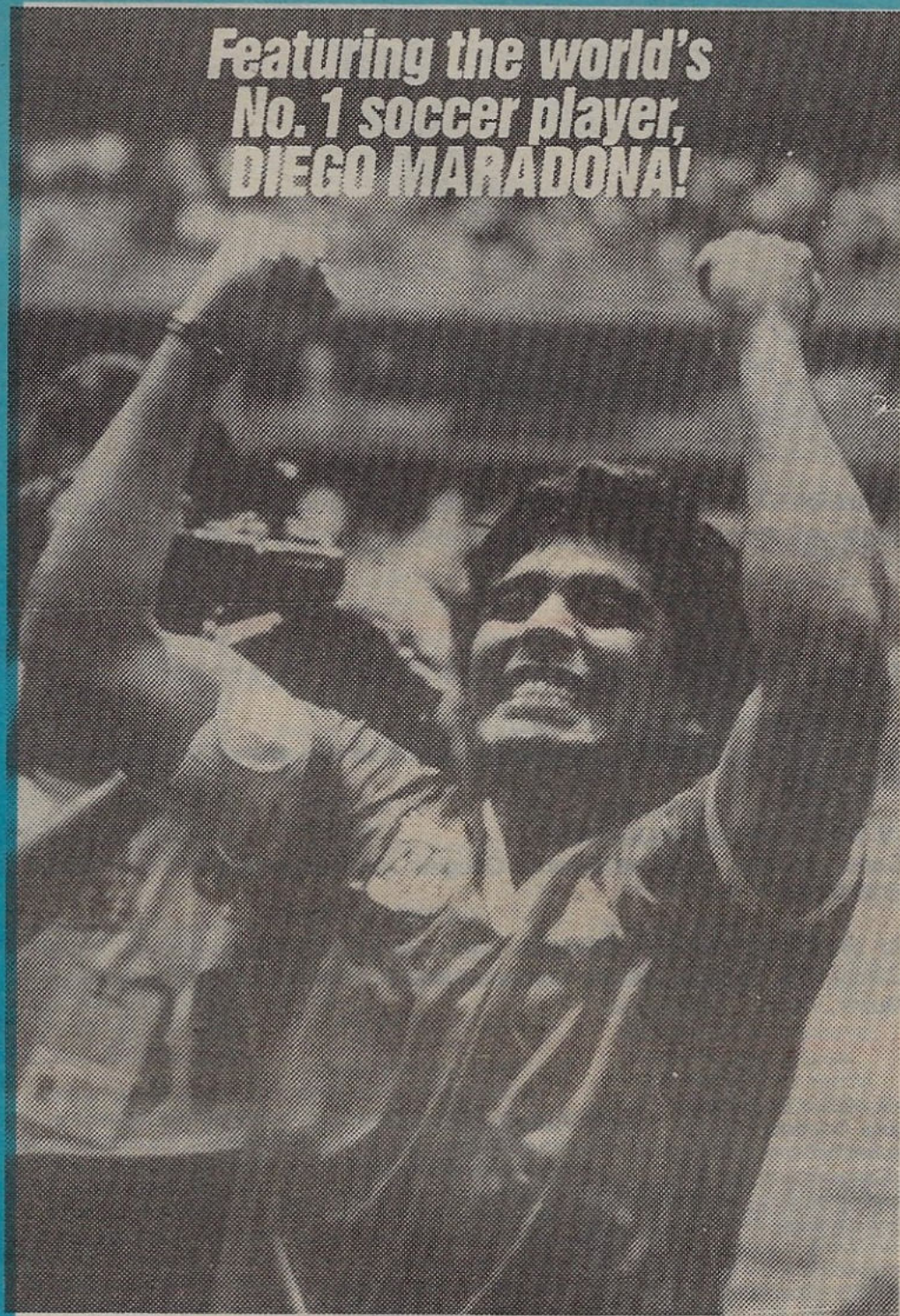
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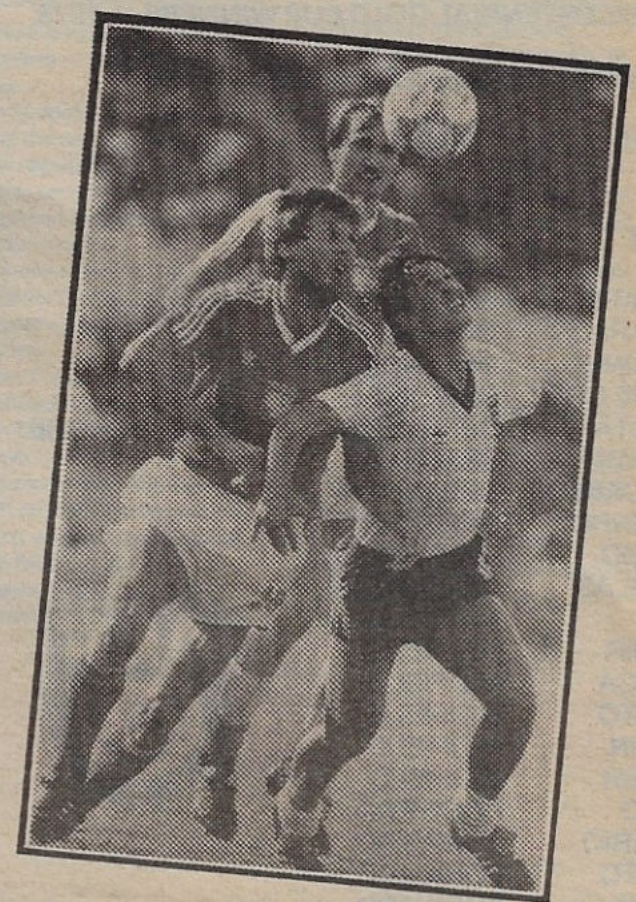
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WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONS — 1983, 1985.

FIFA FAIR PLAY WINNERS — 1978, 1983.

USA BICENTENNIAL GOLD CUP WINNERS — 1976.

SIR STANLEY ROUS CUP WINNERS — 1987.

SILVER MEDAL — 1984 Olympics.

NAME POSITION

TAFFAREL	GOALKEEPER
ZE CARLOS	GOALKEEPER
JORGINHO	DEFENDER
ANDRE CRUZ	DEFENDER
BATISTA	DEFENDER
RICARDO	DEFENDER
LUIS CARLOS	DEFENDER
NELSINHO	DEFENDER
ALOISIO	DEFENDER
DOUGLAS	DEFENDER
EDU	MIDFIELD
ADEMIR	MIDFIELD
CARECA	MIDFIELD
RENATO	MIDFIELD
MILTON	MIDFIELD
MULLER	MIDFIELD
VALDO	FORWARD
ROMARIO	FORWARD
RENATO	FORWARD
EDMAR	FORWARD
GEOVANI	FORWARD

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SQUAD MEMBERS

Goalkeepers

TAFFAREL

Playing with Sport Club International.
22 Years of Age — 22.5.66
Played in 1985 World Youth Championship in the Soviet Union when Brazil won the World title.
One of the three best goalkeepers in Brazil.
Played in four matches in Pan American Games — won by Brazil.

ZE CARLOS

Playing with Flamengo.
26 Years of Age — 7.2.62.
Played in five successful Olympic qualification matches and one on the European tour where, among other fine results, Brazil won the Sir Stanley Rous Cup by beating Scotland and drawing with England at Wembley.

*GILMAR

Playing with Sao Paulo.
29 Years of Age — 13.1.59.
Played in two matches on European tour in 1987 and was goalkeeper in Brazil's last international 1-1 draw with West Germany.

Defenders

JORGINHO

Playing with Flamengo.
23 Years of Age — 17.8.64.
The new right fullback taking over from Josimar.

Plays left or right fullback with a preference for the right side. A great attacking player.
Played three times on the European tour in 1987 and seven times in the Olympic qualifiers.
Won the 1983 World Youth Championship with Brazil in 1983 in Mexico.

*JOSIMAR

Playing with Seville (Spain).
26 Years of Age — 19.9.61.
Played three matches on European tour including the defeat of Scotland at Hampden (2-0) and the draw with England (1-1) Wembley to win the Sir Stanley Rous Cup last year.
The sensation of the 1986 World Cup when he was initially not among the top three choices at right back for Brazil.
Headline grabbing, personal off the field problems since the 1986 World Cup — have hampered his football career.
Surprisingly not well liked by Brazilian fans despite world fame.

BATISTA

Playing with Atletico Mineiro.
26 Years of Age — 20.7.61.
Centre Defender.
Excellent in the air — 1.8m tall.

An attacking defender with tremendous shot.
Played in last Brazil international against West Germany 1-1 draw when West Germany equalised in the last minute.

RICARDO (to be distinguished from another Ricardo of Guarani Club).
Playing with Fluminense.
24 Years of Age — 13.3.64.
Central Defender.
Played three times in the Pan American Games winning team against the competing nations in that tournament — Argentina, USA, Trinidad, El Salvador, Chile, Cuba.



FLAMENGO's brilliant defender JORGINHO moves out of defence to begin an attack for his club. More details on the 24-year-old on page 12.

MOST RECENT BRAZILIAN NATIONAL TEAMS —

-V- ENGLAND AT WEMBLEY 1987.

Carlos, Josimar, Geraldao, Ricardo, Douglas, Nelsinho, Muller, Silas, Mirandinha, Edu, Valdo.

-V- SCOTLAND AT HAMPDEN.

Carlos, Josimar, Geraldao, Ricardo, Douglas, Nelsinho, Muller, Rai, Mirandinha, Edu, Valdo.

-V- WEST GERMANY DECEMBER 1987 — (Brazil's last international).

Gilmar, Zek, Teodoro, Batista, Luizinho, Nelsinho, Rai, Douglas, Renato, Pita, Muller, Valdo.

Canada, Mexico, Guatemala, Paraguay, Colombia.
Coached by Saudi Arabia's coach Carlos Alberto Parreira when both were at Fluminense when they won the 1984 Brazilian championship.
A very cool defender with all the typical Brazilian skills.

*LUIZINHO

Playing with Atletico Mineiro.
30 Years of Age — 22.10.58.
Not eligible for the Olympics as he was in the fabulous Brazilian team of the 1982 World Cup in Spain.
An improved, experienced player since then and rated the best defender in Brazil with intelligent intercepts and reading of the game.
Has scored seven goals in this year's championship.
Played twice on the European 1987 tour and against West Germany 1-1 in Brazil's last international.

NELSINHO

Playing with Sao Paulo.
25 Years of Age — 31.12.62.
Skillful, attacking left fullback who is being sought after by Spurs and Newcastle in England.
Attacks more than defends, such is his skill.
Played against Scotland and England last year and also West Germany.
Played four games in Pan American championship won by Brazil and in six of the Olympic qualifiers when Brazil won through to the Seoul Olympics.

RICARDO (as distinct from Ricardo of Fluminense).
Playing with Guarani Club.
25 Years of Age — 11.9.62.
The established first choice centre back for Brazil.
The free kick specialist.

Played against England and Scotland in winning Sir Stanley Rous Cup in Britain last year.
Played four times in Brazil's winning Pan American games team last year and seven times on European tour in 1987 and six times in Olympic qualifiers.

*EDUARDO

Playing with Fluminense.
23 Years of Age — 24.3.65.
Considered the best left back in Brazilian football, even over Nelsinho.
Has more all round qualities than Nelsinho and attacks all the time.
Played four games on European tour and once in the Olympic qualifiers.

Midfielders

DOUGLAS

Playing with Cruzeiro.
25 Years of Age — 1.3.63.
Possible Olympic Games captain.
Plays in the traditional number 5 shirt for Brazil.

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The "number 5" is the defensive midfielder, the organiser, the distributor, the player who covers in the middle of the park, the player who provides the balance. In Brazilian football terms when you talk about the "number 5" it means this type of player.

The target for Italian clubs in the off season.
Played all eight games on European 1987 tour in the "number 5" shirt.
Played once in Pan American Games Gold medal team, five times in Olympic qualifiers and against West Germany in the last Brazilian international.

*ANDRADE

Playing with Flamengo.
31 Years of Age — The oldest player in the squad.
The best "number 5" in Brazil and is the brains of the famed Fluminense team in Rio (Zico's club).

*PITA

Playing with Racing Strasbourg (France).
30 Years of Age — 4.8.58.
Recently sold from Sao Paulo to Racing for \$1.5 million dollars.
Has a tremendous left foot and is another free kick specialist.
The best "number 10" in Brazil, with his long accurate passes and penetrating play from the middle of the park.
Played twice on European tour 1987 and five times in Gold Medal winning national team in Pan American games last year.

RENATO (as distinct from forward Renato of Flamengo).
Playing with Atletico Mineiro.
31 Years of Age — 21.2.57.
The second leading scorer in the Minas Gerais State League (Brazil has State Leagues with a National final play off for the Brazilian title), with thirteen goals from the midfield position.
An attacking midfielder who played against West Germany in the last Brazilian international and twice on the European tour in 1987.

MILTON

Playing with Coritiba.
22 Years of Age — 11.11.65.
Played once on European tour in 1987 and is rated one of the best midfield prospects in Brazil.

VALDO

Playing with Gremio.
24 Years of Age — 12.1.64.
The best allround player in Brazil, the motor of the team.
Recently sold to Benfica (Portugal) for \$2.5 million dollars.

Played six times on European tour in 1987 including superb games against England and Scotland, all seven Olympic qualifiers and four Pan American Games.

Forwards

MULLER

Playing with Sao Paulo.
22 Years of Age — 31.1.66.
1986 Mexico World Cup player when just 19 years of age.
The leading scorer in the Sao Paulo State League, with fifteen goals.
Joint leading scorer with fellow squad member Evar (Guarani).

A most dangerous forward, fast, tremendous acceleration, and a fine finisher.
Being chased by wealthy Italian clubs at the moment.
Ineligible for the Seoul Olympics.

Played in Sir Stanley Rous winning teams against Scotland and England four times on European tour in 1987.
Was a member of Brazil's World Youth Championship winning team in the Soviet Union in 1985.

CARECA

(as distinct from Napoli's Careca).
Playing with Cruzeiro.
19 Years of Age — 27.9.68.
Rated the finest young talent in Brazil with a future career more illustrious than his famous namesake.
Has scored eleven goals this year in the Minas Gerais State League (equal fourth).
Tremendous dribbler, who scores with penetrating dribbling runs from behind.
Physically more powerful than Napoli's Careca.

ROMARIO

Playing with Vasco da Gama.
21 Years of Age — 21.9.66.
The leading scorer for the last two years in the Rio State League and equal first this year, with Flamengo's Bebeto despite his 21 years.
The traditional opportunist scorer with all the Brazilian attacking skills.
Small in stature but always dangerous, he scored one of the goals in Brazil's 4-0 defeat of Israel in Tel Aviv on their 1987 European tour, where he made two appearances.



RENATO (as distinct from Renato of Atletico Mineiro).
Playing with Flamengo.
25 Years of Age.
The personality player of Brazilian football who was recently sold to Roma for \$2.4 million dollars.

Nicknamed the "Gaucho" because he hails from the South of Brazil near the Argentinian border.
As the name implies, from Italian parentage from the Italian part of Brazil.
For this reason he is tipped to be a sensation in the Italian first division next year.
A flamboyant showman who is also fabulous footballing talent.

*JOAO PAOLO

Playing with Guarani.
23 Years of Age — 9.7.64.
Old fashioned left winger, fast, tricky and direct.
A supplier rather than scorer although he has scored five goals in this season's Sao Paulo State League.
Played three times on European tour in 1987, five times in successful Olympic qualifiers. Scored one of the goals in Brazil's 4-0 win over Israel in Tel Aviv in 1987.

EDMAR

Playing with Corinthians.
22 Years of Age.
The second leading scorer behind fellow tourist Muller and also Evar in the Sao Paulo State League with fourteen goals.

*EVAIR

Playing with Guarani.
23 Years of Age — 21.2.65.
Left footed player with great penetrative skills.
The joint leading scorer in the Sao Paulo State League with Muller (fifteen goals).

SERGIO ARAUJO

Playing with Atletico Mineiro.
23 Years of Age.
Challenger for Muller's number 7 shirt in the national team and regarded by many as not far from a permanent spot in the first team line up.
Extremely fast, imaginative dribbling skills.

*Denotes not coming for the Gold Cup.

Adelaide ticket sales in boom

Adelaide fans look likely to give the Bicentennial Gold Cup competition a warm send-off in the opening game between Saudi Arabia and Argentina on July 6 at Football Park.

Ticket sales from BASS agencies so far are "very encouraging," according to a SA Soccer Federation spokesman. "They are going along nicely and we expect a good start to the tournament in Adelaide."



Pictured above is one of Argentina's new golden boys — PEDRO TROGLIO, also known as 'Pedrito'. In this game against the Soviet Union, Troglio actually scored but couldn't help Argentina to any higher than last of four teams in the Berlin tournament. Chasing him is Bessonov.

ARGENTINA

CURRENT WORLD CHAMPIONS.

WORLD CHAMPIONS — 1978.

WORLD CHAMPIONS — 1986.

2ND IN WORLD CUP — 1930.

WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONS — 1979.

2ND IN WORLD YOUTH CUP — 1983.

Twenty seven players have been trained for two months, once or twice daily, four days a week at the Argentinian Football Association's National team headquarters, Comercio Club Deportivo, twenty five miles outside Buenos Aires. They are:

NAME	POSITION	
Nery PUMPIDO	GOALKEEPER	WORLD CUP 86
Sergio GOYCOCHEA	GOALKEEPER	
Luis Alberto ISLAS	GOALKEEPER	WORLD CUP 86
Fabian CANCELARICH	GOALKEEPER	
Nestor CLAUSEN	DEFENDER	WORLD CUP 86
Jose CUCIUFFO	DEFENDER	WORLD CUP 86
Oscar GARRE	DEFENDER	WORLD CUP 86
Julio OLARTICOECHA	DEFENDER	WORLD CUP 86
Oscar RUGGERI	DEFENDER	WORLD CUP 86
Nestor LORENZO	DEFENDER	WORLD CUP 86
Adolfo ENRIQUE	MIDFIELD	
Sergio BATISTA	MIDFIELD	WORLD CUP 86
Richard GIUSTI	MIDFIELD	WORLD CUP 86
Fernando REDONDO	MIDFIELD	
Alejandro RUSSO	MIDFIELD	
Mauro AIREZ	FORWARD	
Carlos MAYOR	MIDFIELD	
Pedro MONZON	MIDFIELD	
Jose Luis RODRIGUEZ	FORWARD	
Oscar DERTYCIA	FORWARD	
Fabian BASUALDO	DEFENDER	
Roberto SENSINI	DEFENDER	
Nestor FABBRI	DEFENDER	
Pedro TROGLIO	MIDFIELD	
Claudio CANIGGIA	FORWARD	
Herman DIAZ	FORWARD	
Dario SIVISKI	FORWARD	

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Dr Raul MADERO	DOCTOR
Prof. Ricardo ECHEVERRIA	TRAINER



Defenders

NESTOR ROLANDO CLAUSEN

Born Arrufo 29.9.62.
25 Years of Age.
1.76m and 77kgs.
Plays for Independiente, made one appearance in the 1986 World Cup finals (-v- South Korea), has three youth caps from 1981 World Youth Championships in Australia where he played in the team which lost 1-2 in the opening match against Australia at the Sydney Sports Ground.
Plays right or left fullback and has twenty full international appearances.
Is not eligible for the Olympics in Seoul.

JOSE LUIS CUCIUFFO

Born Cordoba 1.2.61.
26 Years, 1.71 and 72kgs.
Plays for Boca Juniors and played in six of the seven 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico.
Has played sixteen times for the National team and is ineligible for the Seoul Olympics.

OSCAR ALFREDO GARRE

Born Buenos Aires 9.12.56.
32 Years of Age, 1.75m and 77kgs.
Forty three full internationals playing four of seven games in 1986 World Cup finals.
Not eligible for the Olympics in Seoul.
Plays for Ferrocaril Oeste (West) — left fullback.

JULIO JORGE OLARTICOECHA

Born Saladillo 18.10.58.
29 Years of Age, 1.68m and 71kgs.
Right fullback for Argentinos Juniors who played in all seven Mexico World Cup matches in 1986.
Twenty four full internationals.
Not eligible for the Seoul Olympics.

OSCAR ALFREDO RUGGERI

Born Corral de Bustos 26.1.62.
1.82m and 75kgs.
Plays for River Plate.
Played in all Seven World Cup matches in Mexico and is not eligible for the Seoul Olympics.
Thirty one full internationals.

NESTOR LORENZO

Centre back with Argentinos Juniors.
Eleven youth caps and played in Merlion Cup in Singapore in 1984.

CARLOS MAYOR

Left full back with Argentinos Juniors who has seven youth caps plus appearances in the Merlion Cup in Singapore in 1984.

ROBERTO SENSINI

Rated the best defender by El Grafico in Argentina and one of the best players in Argentina at the moment.
Plays left fullback for champions Newells Old Boys.
Another key player in Argentina's quest for Gold at the Seoul Olympics.
Has two full international caps.

NESTOR FABBRI

Plays for Racing Club and scored the last minute goal which put Racing through to the final of the South American Super Cup against Cruzeiro of Brazil.

One of the new breed National team players, a member of the Seoul Olympics starting line up. Has eleven youth caps and 13 full international appearances. The new Passarella of the National team.

Midfielders

SERGIO DANIEL BATISTA

Born Buenos Aires 9.11.62.
24 Years of Age, 1.86m and 83kgs.
Plays for Argentinos Juniors where he is the heart and sole of the team. Played in all Seven World Cup matches in Mexico in 1986 and has 22 full international appearances.
Not eligible for the Olympics and is currently the subject of a \$2.5 million dollar bid for Napoli of Italy.

MOST RECENT ARGENTINIAN NATIONAL TEAMS

-V- WEST GERMANY — BUENOS AIRES 16.12.87

Pumpido, Cuciuffo, Ruggeri, Brown, Fabbri, Sensini, Batista, Burruchaga, (Siviski 48), Maradona, Valdano (Dertycia 78) Rodriguez, (Troglio 67).

-V- SOVIET UNION — WEST BERLIN 31.3.88.

Pumpido, Sensini, Brown, Cuciuffo, Ruggeri, Monzon, Sensini, Giusti, Diaz, Troglio, Maradona, Caniggia — subs, Islas, Dertycia, Rodriguez.

-V- WEST GERMANY — WEST BERLIN 2.4.88.

Pumpido, Diaz, Brown, Ruggeri, Monzon, Sensini, Giusti, Batista, Troglio, Caniggia, Maradona — subs, Cuciuffo, Garre, Olarticoechea.

HECTOR ADOLFO ENRIQUE

Born Adroque 26.4.62.
26 Years of Age, 1.72m and 70kgs.

Plays for River Plate, however has been struggling with knee problems since the 1986 World Cup where he played in five of the seven games.

Ineligible for the Seoul Olympics and has seven full international appearances.

RICARDO OMAR GIUSTI

Born Rosario 11.12.56.
31 Years of Age, 1.78m and 76kgs.

Played in all seven Mexico World Cup finals and is thus ineligible for the Seoul Olympics.

Plays for Independiente and has five youth and forty six full international appearances.

FERNANDO REDONDO

Midfielder with Argentinos Juniors.

Eleven appearances for the Under 16 National team and played against Australia (lost 0-1) in the Under 16 World Cup finals in China in 1985.

Twelve appearances for the under 19 national team.

ALEJANDRO RUSSO

Left midfield player for Estudiantes.
Has ten youth internationals.

PEDRO TROGLIO

River Plate midfield star who is a key member of the Seoul Olympic team.

Four youth caps and the full internationals, including last three full internationals against West Germany (Buenos Aires) Soviet Union and West Germany, both in West Berlin.

Scored two goals in the Olympic qualifiers and one against the Soviet Union in West Berlin.

PEDRO MONZON

Left sided midfielder who plays for Independiente.

Has eight full caps, played in the Merlion Cup in Singapore in 1984 and in the team which lost to West Germany in Argentina's last international in West Berlin.

Forwards

OSCAR DERTYCIA

Has the top strike rate in Argentina — most goals per game.

Plays for Instituto Cordoba and is the second best scorer in the squad, finishing fifth leading scorer in the recently completed Argentinian first division season.

A most valuable player for the Seoul Olympics, scoring one goal in the qualification matches.

Was the 23rd selection for the Mexico World Cup finals (only 22 players can be included in World Cup squad).

Played in the 1983 World Youth championships in Mexico where Argentina lost 0-1 to Brazil in the final.

Played in the Acapulco tournament in 1982, in which

Australia's youth team completed.

Has twelve youth and twenty one senior (five goals) appearances for Argentina.

HERNAN DIAZ

Another key Seoul Olympics player.

Six full caps including the recent match against the Soviet Union in West Berlin.

Has six full caps and plays for Rosario Central.

JOSE LUIS RODRIGUEZ

Plays for Deportivo Espanol and is the leading scorer in the recently completed Argentinian season with eighteen goals — only one with the head.

Has played five youth and six senior internationals.

Argentina's big hope for an Olympic medal in Seoul.

DARIO SIVISKI

One of the top players in Argentina — rated the second best attacking midfielder by El Grafico.

Another key member of the Argentinian effort in Seoul.
Plays for San Lorenzo.

CLAUDIO CANIGGIA

The most exciting player in Argentina.

Plays for River Plate till last month when sold to Verona of Italy for \$2.9 millions dollars.

Will participate in the Olympic finals in Seoul and has fifteen full international appearances.

SAUDI ARABIA SQUAD

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Bicentennial Gold Cup

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Reviving ACT Soccer

BY GRAHAM COOKE

THERE has been a continuing debate in the ACT over the last few weeks on the problems besetting the game in the ACT.

If anything has emerged from the many opinions aired it is that there is no easy and obvious solution.

Croatia Deakin officials see entry into a higher standard of competition as the answer to the problems of potentially the ACT's best supported club — yet Canberra City and Inter Monaro can testify that the added expense of playing in the NSW League is seldom offset

by extra support through the turnstiles.

I am increasingly of the view that if Soccer is to be revived in the Canberra area it must come through a revitalised ACT League — only in this way can the enthusiasm for the game be evenly rekindled through the area's rich

mix of ethnic groupings.

But the only target worth aiming for, the only prize that will capture the imagination of all concerned, is the NSL.

A place in that competition must remain the goal to which all energies in the area's top level of the game are directed.

The essential first step must be the recognition of the ACT League's first division as an official feeder competition to the NSL.

In other words the champion club will get a chance to compete for a NSL place along with its equivalents in South Australia, Victoria, Queensland and maybe Western Australia.

ACTSF President Charles Perkins is on record as favouring the idea and could use his influence at ASF level to bring it about.

Secondly, Canberra City and Inter Monaro should withdraw from the NSW League and compete locally.

The savings in travel would be considerable while gate takings and other revenue at matches involving ACT clubs would be kept within the local Soccer community.

Then there is the role of the AIS.

Because the Institute cannot gain promotion to the NSL I believe it would be pointless for it to compete as a unit in the competition.

At present it plays NSW League clubs in a challenge series on Wednesday nights with its players idle at weekends.

[ACT correspondent GRAHAM COOKE sets out his views after four years close observation of Canberra Soccer. These are his own thoughts — no other opinions have been sought]

some teams, almost certainly the weaker ones, would end up with extra top-quality young players.

The system has benefits all round.

The AIS youngsters would have the experience of playing with club sides in the midst of a variation of ages and talents — let's face it, that is where they are going to spend the majority of their careers — while still developing their

I suggest that the 16-strong AIS squad be divided among the eight first division sides on a system roughly similar to that by which American professional football clubs pick up the best college talent each year.

The weakest team — for arguments sake the one newly promoted from the second division — has the first pick of an AIS player, the team that finished seventh the previous season has the next pick and so on up to the league champion.

Then the process begins again until all the institute players have been allocated.

The one exception would be where an ACT

club has a player at the AIS — in the present squad Canberra City would have first call on Craig Hoogendoorn and Croatia on Ned Zelic.

If one team, we'll say it is Belconnen United, does not want to take up its allocation then the draft would continue into a third round.

It would mean that

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NEXT WEEK

Saudi Arabia

1. ABDULLAN ALDEAYEA
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AUSTRALIA'S PREMIER SOCCER BALL

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

ADAMSTOWN Rosebud snatched a dramatic last minute goal to score a 3-3 National Youth League draw with St George at St George Stadium, while Croatia downed Marconi 2-1 and Sydney Olympic trounced Wollongong 4-0.

ST GEORGE 3 ADAMSTOWN 3 Title-chasing St George squandered a valuable point after dominating

for long periods against Adamstown on Sunday.

Goals from John Kakakios and Zoran Ilic gave St George a 2-0 lead after 22 minutes and Adamstown looked all at sea on the Barton Park bog.

A solo effort from Scott Gresham, who netted in fine style after a run from halfway, reduced the margin just before the interval, but Saints made it 3-1 in the 57th minute when Ilic cleverly created a chance to Kakakios to chip home.

Adamstown was spur-

Adamstown Fight Back

red on by that goal and moved up a gear. Dean McWhirter reduced the deficit by toeing the ball home with 14 minutes remaining.

Alan Gilday equalised in the final minute as Rosebud staged a superb rally over the later stages.

ST GEORGE: Filan, Kotevski, Morakeas, Choi, Drossos (Teleki-Sotiriou), Giezekamp, Kakakios, Warren, Ilic, Dimoudis, Bingley.

ADAMSTOWN: Kedwell, Richards, Block, Mountford,

Beagan, McWhirter, Coutts, McGregor, Gresham (Murray), Kalafas (Gilday).

SYDNEY CROATIA 2 **MARCONI** 1

Sydney Croatia took a step closer to their first NSL Youth League title when they downed Marconi 2-1 in a close tussle at King Tomislav Park on Sunday.

The home team overcame its problems, however, and took the lead after 20 minutes when recent signing Andrew Brockbank curled a free kick

around the defensive wall from 20 metres out.

Peter Katholos equalised for Marconi in the 40th minute with Kardum poorly positioned.

Bosnich replaced Kardum at the break and Steve Alilovic put Croatia back in the lead in the 65th minute with a 30 metre free kick.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Kardum (Bosnich), Mlinac, Orlic, Krkovski, Milicevic, Stanton (E Alilovic), Brockbank, Zec, Ciscato (Rancic), Ingham.

MARCONI: Schwartz, Charlewood (Lopes), Cortes, P Okon, Carter, Katholos, Budini, Lovan, Colagiuri, K Okon, Carluccio.

WOLLONGONG 0 **SYDNEY OLYMPIC** 4

WOLLONGONG: Jones, Vlietstra, Trajceviski, Allport, Gilchrist, D Morgan, Baggott (P Morgan), McEvoy, Higgs, Martinovski, Bonetig, Ward.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Triantafilou, Fragakis (Pantazis), Plataniotis, Scott, Hrist, Oustambasidis, Koch, Sorras (Loumanis), Bennett, Refenes.

NSL YOUTH LEAGUE NORTH

Croatia	19	13	3	3	34	17	29
St George	17	9	2	6	37	25	20
Olympic	17	9	2	6	31	20	20
Adamstown	17	7	2	8	25	30	16
Marconi	17	4	6	7	26	33	14
APIA	16	4	4	8	20	32	12
Wollongong	17	4	1	12	21	37	9

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES

Sun. June 26 APIA v St George at Lambert Park 12.15pm
Marconi v Wollongong at Marconi Stadium 12.15pm
Olympic v Adamstown at Football Stadium 12.15pm

ST GEORGE 3 (Kakakios 2, Ilic) **ADAMSTOWN** 3 (Gresham, McWhirter, Gilday), **CROATIA** 2 (Brockbank 5 Alilovic) **MARCONI** 1 (Katholos), **OLYMPIC** 4 (Oustambasidis 2, Bennett, Koch) **WOLLONGONG** 0.

LEADING SCORERS:

15 Tony Krslovic **CROATIA**
12 Peter Murray **ADAMSTOWN**
9 Jason Bennett **OLYMPIC**
7 John Koch **OLYMPIC**
7 Matthew Bingley **ST GEORGE**
6 Klaus Okon **MARCONI**
6 Tony Kardum **CROATIA**

EDITOR

WHEN interest heightened in the prospective strength of the Argentinian and Brazilian teams to visit Australia for the Bicentennial Gold Cup, there was quite a deal of pessimism over the possible composition of the squads.

Over riding that was concern over the state of Argentine captain Diego Maradona's pulse - if the world superstar was unable to come then the entire series would fall in a heap.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY took the view that even for a trip to the little known football country of Australia - these two highly ranked nations had reputations to protect and would not let down the Australian Soccer Federation as tournament promoters.

Quite properly this attitude was tinged with the consideration that the ASF had a duty of care to prove to the public that strong teams would in fact arrive.

On the score of Maradona, it was clear that his presence would make the Gold cup a winner all the way.

It seems that Maradona was not willed to come here. Few would not accept the point that he had in truth played himself into the ground, and had to take matters easy until the Italian season begins.

That leads to the point as to whether his absence could cause the series to fail.

And that in turn leads back to the competence and crowd-pulling ability of the teams.

On the evidence available, the ASF took the right step by despatching Johnny Warren post haste to make all the necessary enquiries.

The news that arrived has been compellingly in favour of strength of Argentine and Brazil.

Brazil's CFB has announced its squad. A few players who might have helped the strength of the team will not come, but as an offset others whom we may not have seen will surprisingly be here.

Overall, if Australia will not welcome teams of the likely strength of these two, then something is sorely wrong.

The Brazilians' transfer market value is astronomical. Argentine in turn won't let Australia down.

And then there is the case of Saudi Arabia. The fact that they have brought in New Zealand for two trial games and Hong Kong for another is most revealing of their attitude.

It is an event the like of which has never been seen in Australia Soccer history, and indeed in Australian sports history for that matter.

There are a couple of lesser reservations to be overcome however, one of which is ticket pricing.

It is necessary to bring in the family content at the gate, as well as those who have South American affiliations.

But here is the chance to get right behind the Socceroos, and to see a class of overseas player who will rarely ever appear in the Commonwealth of Australia.

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SOCCEROO squad defender Alex Tobin widely was tipped to be given the axe by Adelaide City for the home match against high-flying Sydney Croatia.

He gained a 'reprieve' when fellow 'Roo squad man Aurelio Vidmar had to call off with a troublesome groin strain.

Tobin slotted in to an unfamiliar midfield role and celebrated with a goal — though City went down 3-2.

★★★

ADELAIDE City officials were quick to act to preserve the credibility in clubs' support of sponsor West End in the league clash with Sydney Croatia.

Croatia men, faced with a sodden area, in front of their dugout, borrowed an advertising hoarding for West End Export to use as a 'mat'.

With TV cameras at the game, some quick witted City officials realised the folly of the action and replaced the sign to give valued advertising exposure to the company that so heavily backs Soccer.

★★★

IT's a small world department. Sydney sports columnist Roy Masters, former rugby league coach of St George and Western Suburbs, and his investigate reporter brother Chris, missed out on their proper vocations. Their uncle was one time Australian captain and South Coast star centre-forward, JUDY MASTERS.

★★★

FORMER Scottish striker Eric Sinclair is very keen to come to Australia as a coach.

He played with Dundee, St Mirren and Airdrie but now wants to call Australia home.

He is a friend of Adelaide Hellas coach Alby Kidd, a former teammate of his.

"He has said he will pay his own way out here but wants a club to sponsor him," said Kidd.

"He would be a very good coach. He knows the game inside out and would be an asset to a club here."

Initial contact with Sinclair can be made through Alan Clark, telephone (08) 51 0351 (business hours).

★★★

TV WEEK is conducting a big contest to decide the Australian Footballer of the Year, across all codes. Nominate your top Soccer player on the coupon included in TV Week. The winning player receives a big prize, and one entry will win a return trip for two to the sporting event of the winner's choice — anywhere in the world.



Former Adelaide Hellas star Lou Hristodoulou, who won a Cup winners medal in his first Greek season with Panathinaikos, is enjoying the good life.

He is travelling with his club to Austria, Belgium and the Netherlands and will play against AC Milan in a crack tournament in Belgium.

For winning the Greek Cup, Hristodoulou pocketed a cool \$25,000 bonus.

★★★

Adelaide City will be on the lookout for players if a new sponsorship plan bears 'fruit.'

Gordon Pickard, managing director of City's major sponsor, Fairmont Homes has announced he will give the club \$3 for every dollar raised by members and fans.

This is in addition to his rich backing of the club, which recently was renewed for another three years.

"Gordon wants us to be among the top teams in Australia," said City coach Zoran Matic.

"This plan is virtually a challenge to fans." Matic said his squad had been 'thin' for the past few seasons but money just had not been available to buy many players.

"But if this money does come forward, we'll sit down and talk about the kind of quality players we are after once we talk with our players about their plans," said Matic.

★★★

CANBERRA CCAE captain Jim Malins has left the club and will holiday in the United States, studying both indoor and outdoor Soccer there, before taking up a new job in Sydney. His position in the college defence will be taken by Tom Brown.

★★★

Australian Institute of Sport scorer Dean Nicolaou has been having talks with NSL side Preston Macedonia.

★★★

BERTI MARIANI, Marconi boss, is in mourning.

Last week his most beloved (relic) Honda car "died".

The little car (Berti's treasured baby — old enough to vote) literally gave up. Mariani has in the past loaned the car out to his players to get around.

That's no more!

★★★

FORMER Newcastle and Sydney City star KEN BODEN simply won't let up, even though he is no longer a colt. Perth correspondent David Andrews recently again pointed to his subtle skills, and to the two goals he netted for North Perth Croatia in the WA Super League.

★★★

Andon Donceviski has made it clear he wants a new goalkeeper at Preston Macedonia to put pressure on recognised first choice Phil Traianedes.

But Donceviski, who is leaving the final choice to the committee, insists the new man will not be just a back-up.

"He must be good enough to go straight into the first team if the need arises", he said.

"Philip is a very good goalkeeper but he is lacking in confidence and his form is not so good.

"I believe some strong competition for his position might bring the best from him."

★★★

Those idiot fringe so-called South Melbourne Hellas 'supporters', the 'Hellas Hooligans', have done it again.

Members of the group punched rival fans and threatened them with dislodged corner flags when Hellas played at George Cross recently.

George Cross says it doesn't blame the Hellas club for the behaviour of that specific group but says many of its members should be known to other fans of the club and their names should be reported to police.

As it has been the 'Hellas Hooligans' who've done more than anyone to wreck their club's fine season with poor behaviour, ASW couldn't agree more.

★★★

Eduard Zolotarev, the former Spartak Moscow player who recently signed with Sunshine

George Cross, has gone missing.

Zolotarev signed registration forms with the club two weeks ago after training with the club but since signing he has apparently disappeared.

George Cross appealed to Zolotarev to contact the club through Melbourne's daily newspaper but the club has received no news of his whereabouts.

Zolotarev apparently walked in off the street asking to train with George Cross more than a month ago.

The Russian came to Australia after nine years of applying to leave the Soviet Union.

★★★

Do you know who holds the record for the most number of goals scored in a NSW State League premiership game which

is, in fact, an Australian record?

The honour is held jointly by Reg Date, formerly of Wallsend and Canterbury Bankstown, and Tom Rumley, ex-Woonona-Bulli, each of whom scored nine goals.

Reg scored his on April 10, 1943, when Wallsend beat Weston 11-0.

Rumley's triple hat-trick was scored on April 24, 1945 as Woonona crushed North Shore (Sydney) 16-0.

★★★

Dudley-Redhead Soccer Club in Newcastle honoured three of its life-members — Bill Paddock, a former Australian representative, Jim 'Scotchey' Hopkins and Alan Arnold, at a ceremony on its home ground. The Club presented

the three life-members with Dudley-Redhead jackets for their services over the years.

The Dudley-Redhead Soccer Club was formed on July 10, 1894, when it was known as Dudley Athletic.

★★★

SAUDI ARABIA are certainly not joking about the upcoming Gold Cup.

Tomorrow (Thursday) by invitation and full payment the Saudis have brought in the Kiwi national team for a 'warm-up' match in Melbourne.

If that wasn't enough they also brought in the Hong Kong national team yesterday for another friendly.

Don't be surprised if a third team is brought to Australia by the Saudis for their preparation re the Gold Cup.

THE Croatia Deakin Soccer Club has become the new owner of NSW State League team Canberra City Griffins.

And Croatia president, Frank Crnkovic, told a press conference: "We will not be satisfied until Canberra is back in its rightful place in the NSL."

Twenty four hours of meetings and negotiations concluded when ACT Soccer Federation president Charles Perkins arrived at the Croatia Deakin Club to announce the Federation had given its blessing to the deal.

Earlier, the NSW Soccer Federation, re-

sponsible for the competition in which City plays, had given the go ahead.

Croatia paid an undisclosed sum, believed to be around \$50,000, to the Downer Olympic Club for the ownership of City, which earlier in the week had been on the brink of folding.

Crnkovic said the only concern of both parties was what was best for Soccer in Canberra.

"With a licensed club next to an enclosed ground with seating already for 1,500 people we are confident we can give the Griffins the support they need not only to stay in the NSW League but also go ahead from there," he

added.

Perkins said the ACTSF was disappointed it had not brought into matter until this late stage but was now pleased to support the takeover.

"We will however, be conducting an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the collapse of Canberra City," he said.

Croatia secretary, Dennis Glavinic said the responsibility for the team would continue to rest with its coach, Tom Sermanni, who would have a free hand in selection and tactics.

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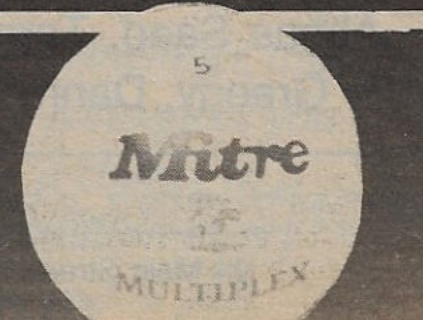


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Ponturo aims for \$100,000 consortium

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE City plan to form a \$100,000 consortium to back the club if they win promotion into the National League.

The consortium is the central pivot of the club's plans to finance its push for a place in the 1989 competition. City are currently comfortable leaders in the XXXX League and almost certainly will be Queensland's representative in this year's play-offs.

Brisbane Lions last year won the play-offs to regain their NSL status, although that is in danger of being lost this season.

Brisbane City, which played in the first 10 years of the NSL before being relegated under the complex and widely opposed criteria used in 1986, has always set its aims to play in the top competition available and certainly have one of the best ground facilities of any soccer club in Australia.

City secretary John Ponturo has been the driving force behind the formation of the NSL re-entry plans and is enthusiastic and confident that his consortium proposal will be a success.

Ponturo said the club would form an elite

membership group with each member paying a substantial fee.

He envisages the elite members will collectively put forward \$100,000.

In return they will get special benefits at the club, a major say in the running of the organisation with some even gaining a place on the newly-formed club board.

"The consortium will be formed in October but it won't be up and running until the start of the NSL season next year," Ponturo said.

The consortium is part of a three-tier plan Ponturo has mapped out to ensure the club retains its NSL status once back in the NSL and eventually becomes one of the leading clubs in Australia.

Ponturo said a fulltime marketing and promotions manager already had been appointed and would start in a fortnight.

"His job will be to create advertising and look after marketing and promotional activities of the club," Ponturo said.

"We are also blueprinting plans to ensure the club will administratively cope with the NSL on and off the field."

Lions prospects bring problems

THE issue of accommodating Lions back into the Queensland XXXX League should they be relegated from the NSL this season will come to a head at the QSF special general meeting called for Tuesday, July 12.

The meeting will be asked to vote on a foreshadowed notice of motion on the issue, formulated last year.

The foreshadowed motion was contained in a QSF management committee meeting minute of December 1, and ratified by the Council of Clubs, but forgotten by most in the time that has transpired since.

But the foreshadowed motion is quite clear in that should Lions be relegated two teams, rather than the standard one, will be relegated out of the XXXX League.

The QSF minute in question MC 1030/87 primarily was formulated to place Lions' second team in Division Two, rather than the XXXX League, and allow for the promotion of Brisbane Croatia and the re-admission of Taringa Rovers.

But the minute went on to read: "Further resolved the Federation foreshadow a notice of motion that will require the relegation of two teams from the XXXX Soccer League in any year where a team from the NSL returns to the local competition because of its relegation, its decision to withdraw, or the National competition ceases to exist."

With Lions still well



Lions' DAVE WHEELER (right) charges ahead during a XXXX State League encounter.

adrift of NSL safety, it now is extremely likely some kind of action will have to be taken to accommodate them back into the XXXX League.

QSF President Ian Brusasco is adamant that if the constitution is to be changed, then it must be done as soon as possible.

"It is imperative this issue is settled before it becomes known which teams will be the ones affected," Brusasco said.

But therein lies the problem. For the notice of motion to be accepted, it will need 75 percent majority support from the QSF Council.

But with three points for a win being used in the XXXX League this season, eight of the 12 teams are still a long way from any kind of

safety if two are to be relegated.

As full members, should the eight reject the notice of motion and gain support from some of the lower division clubs they could have the numbers to prevent a 75 percent majority.

If that were the case then as the constitution stands the XXXX League would have to be made into a 13-team League in 1989, if Lions are relegated. But the QSF management committee could still have one further ace up its sleeve to avoid what many consider the undesirable event of a bye in the Premier Division.

Last year's annual general meeting inserted a clause into the constitution giving the management committee the right to ask any XXXX League club to "show cause" why they should

retain their place.

With a few clubs still yet to meet some of the conditions set down in the XXXX League criteria, in relation to playing and spectator facilities, their futures could be placed on a knife's edge or they force the management committee to play the ace.

Richard's bad luck

FORMER youth Soccerer RICHARD BASSINGTHWAITE has become the third Brisbane Lions player to suffer a major knee injury this season.

Bassingthwaite, who has been plagued by knee problems

through his career, badly tore ligaments during Lions' recent match against Sydney Croatia in Sydney. He has undergone knee reconstruction surgery and will not play again this season.

Lions lost \$12,500 signing Martin Kirsopp at the beginning of the year when he tore his cruciate ligament while captain Frank Liddell badly injured his knee two months ago.

Wheeler's residency brings double with Frank Cole

BRISBANE Lions striker Dave Wheeler wants to finish the season in blistering goalscoring style after gaining his permanent residency last week.

The 28-year-old former Queensland striker, who at one stage was chased by Frank Arok for St George, has sat on the sidelines for over two months waiting for his residency to come through.

Wheeler chose to sit out when Lions needed an extra visa place. He has not missed a training session in that time but has not played since early in the first round.

"I am just so relieved that everything is finalised. It was very frustrating just waiting and not really knowing when things would happen, or if they would," Wheeler said.

"I've tried to keep as fit as possible but obviously I will be lacking a little bit of match fitness. But my main aim now is to score as many goals as I can and make sure Lions aren't relegated," Wheeler said.

Wheeler's silky skills and nose for goals prompt many to speculate he will turn out to be the perfect foil for Lions new signing Frank Cole.

The former West Australian Rothmans Medal winner and leading scorer showed some nice touches in his first game for Lions before being sidelined with a thigh injury for two weeks.

But with Wheeler and Cole now set to return to the Lions team, and the side's other striker rampaging Grant Lightbown back to his best, things finally might start happening for the luckless Richlands side.

Bozic aids Croatia

FORMER Sydney Croatia player Drzen Bozic has become an instant hit since his move to Queensland and is set to help Brisbane Croatia stay in the XXXX League.

Bozic, 24, signed with Brisbane Croatia mid-way through the first round and has been outstanding for the club as a sweeper.

The former Osijek player has shown tremendous skill and composure and added a new stability to the previously fragile Croatia defence.

Brisbane Croatia coach Tony Eclimovic, who has slowly been rebuilding the club's ageing Division Two championship winning side, rates Bozic in "a class of his own" in the XXXX League.

"The boy has a first class attitude to match his tremendous skill, so what more could you ask for as a coach?" Eclimovic said.

After a rocky start to

the season, Croatia have begun to show some form and have climbed away from the top of the table, although Eclimovic is still battling to rid his team of inconsistency.

Croatia dominated North Star last week in the rescheduled fixture, but then threw the match away in the last 10 minutes to lose 3-2.

Croatia will get the chance to gain their revenge when the two clubs meet in the quarter-finals of the Ampol Cup next Wednesday. Their cup match is a replay of the 1985 Ampol Cup final, which North Star won 5-0.

In the other Cup quarter-finals, Brisbane City have the very testing tie of playing the giant-killing

North Queensland in Townsville on Saturday. Taringa Rovers joined a long list of Brisbane "scalps" to be taken in the North Queensland "capital" when they were beaten 3-0 in the last round of the Cup.

Other Cup ties see Division Two side Nerang against Mount Gravatt at Perry Park next Wednesday, while regional teams Gold Coast and Toowoomba meet at Willowburn on the Downs this Sunday.

Two washed out XXXX League matches have been rescheduled to this weekend. On Saturday Rochdale host Mount Gravatt at Underwood Park while on Sunday, Coalstars and North Star clash at Bundamba.

APIA CLASH AT RICHLANDS ON FRIDAY

BRISBANE Lions and Apia Leichhardt must be beginning to wonder whether they will ever play their round 18 match.

The Richlands clash between the two clubs, who are both battling near the bottom of the table, is set down for this Friday, June 24, at Richlands.

The game twice has been called off and Lions officials are hoping for third time lucky this Friday.

The original match was washed out after unseasonal heavy rain in Brisbane on June 5. The NSL invoked the "two-week rule" to get the match cleared as soon as possible but were thwarted by Apia's progress in the NSW Challenge Cup when they looked to play it the following week.

The match was then set down for Thursday, June 16 but called off at the last minute.

With Apia facing the expenses connected with the Thursday night game, the club protested when the only available flights meant loss of wages for two days would have to be paid to its players as well as the cost of the overnight accommodation.

While the delaying of the game enabled both clubs to get players fit, Lions had Frank Cole out and Apia had Arno Bertogna and Mark Brown in doubt, it will also mean a hectic weekend.

After the Friday night clash Lions face South Melbourne at home two days later while Apia are at home to St George.



The
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Story
FROM DAVE WILLIAMS

Highfields swamped

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

AROUND 2.30 pm last Sunday, Highfields Azzurri officials and fans were celebrating the official opening by the State Member for Charlestown, Mr Richard Face, of their new ground facilities at Whitebridge.

But an hour-and-a-half later, it was their Adamstown counterparts who were doing the celebrating after Rosebuds had inflicted a 4-0 defeat on their hosts.

After Azzurri's 3-0 win over Cardiff the previous week, it had been suggested that, on that form, the only games Azzurri would lose thereafter would be those they "gave away".

But, there was no suggestion of Azzurri giving anything away on Sunday.

Adamstown was too well organised, despite two or three anxious moments in the first half when its goal was under threat.

Adamstown's break came a few minutes before half-time when Azzurri defender Craig Curry brought down Ross Wells and National League referee Robbie

Davies pointed to the penalty spot.

Glen Chapman sent the Azzurri keeper, Clint Jenkins, the wrong way with his kick and from then on Adamstown was in a comfortable position.

After the half-time break, Brett Gemmell and Ross Wells added to Azzurri's woes.

Both players had left Azzurri to join the Rosebuds this year, and by the 51st minute Gemmell had netted and Wells had placed a gem of a shot from the right into the far corner for Rosebuds to lead 3-0.

With an Azzurri recovery beyond the point of no return, Mark Smith slipped through the Azzurri defence inside the penalty area and short-passed to David Bock, who side-footed the ball wide of Jenkins.

In the other matches played last weekend, Wallsend 2 (Stuart Chandler plus an own goal) drew with Cardiff 2 (David Simm and Andy Tate); West Wallsend 3 (Richard Endacott, Bernie Ryan plus an own goal) beat Belmont-Swansea United 0; Weston Bears 2 (Tony Beckett and Mark Humphries) beat Lake Macquarie City 1 (Rod Benbow).

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"He will be inviting officials of the NSW Soccer League to our ground to seek their guidance on anything that needs to be done to upgrade the facilities."

Croatia was in the process of negotiating with the ACT Administration for a 25-year lease on Deakin Oval.

"I would like to stress that we do not consider Canberra City to be Croatia's team, but Canberra's side," he said.

"And we would like to invite the present administration of Canberra City to join us in efforts to put Soccer back on the map in Canberra."

The takeover did not effect Croatia's commitment to the ACT League, where it runs teams in the first, reserve and two Youth divisions.

"With the number of young players we have coming forward, I foresee no problems in maintaining that level of commitment in the future," he stressed.

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Olympic is in a similar position with tough games against George Cross, Marconi and Melbourne Croatia still to come.

The experts select their final five:

PETER DESIRA
Marconi, Sydney Croatia, Sth Melbourne Hellas, Sunshine G Cross, Melbourne Croatia.

"South Melbourne will win the Grand Final because their exciting soccer deserves success."

JOHN MANGAN
Sth Melbourne Hellas, Marconi, Sydney Croatia, Wollongong, Melbourne Croatia.

"Marconi will take the Grand Final because it has all-round flair and, of course, Frank Farina."

GREG BLAKE
Marconi, Sydney Croatia, Sth Melbourne Hellas, Sunshine George Cross, Wollongong.

"Sydney Croatia has saved its best form for

Benchmark Cup

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

HASTINGS District became the third country casualty of the Benchmark Building Supplies Cup competition when it bowed out on penalties in the Game against Beresfield United at Beresfield last Sunday.

And Beresfield goalkeeper Stephen Tisdell became an instant hero when he saved the first three Hastings penalties following 20 minutes of extra time.

As a result, Beresfield has been drawn against Adamstown Rosebud in a quarter-final match on a date to be decided.

Sunday's game began well for Hastings, with Colin Purcell giving his side the lead after just three minutes.

But Beresfield hit back five minutes later through Steve Allen and after Steve Geddes converted a penalty kick in the 42nd minute, Beresfield led 2-1 at half-time.

In the 71st minute, David Brimble put Hastings on level terms again and the scoreline remained the same at full time and after two periods of extra time totalling 20 minutes.

Hastings' keeper Ron Collins saved the first Beresfield penalty attempt, but from then on, it was Tisdell's day.

In the remainder of the quarter-final draw, North Coast Premier League will play Lambton Jaffas at Coffs Harbour; Stockton and Lake Macquarie City will clash at Corroba Oval, Stockton, and Belmont-Swansea United will meet Highfields Azzurri at Blacksmiths.

Dates for these games will have to be determined.

Northern NSW Under-13 and Under-15 squads have been chosen following competition of the State Championships.

The Under-13 squad is — with a reservation on the goalkeeping positions: Martin Barnes (Mid-North Coast); Nathan Deans, Scott Dunshea, Chris Newman, Brendan Murphy (New England); Luke Morris, Lucas Wells, Nathan Hall, Scott Thomas, Matthew Bloomfield, Sabino Ragno (North Coast); Scott Aspinall, Chris Leggett, Derek Lockhart (Coalfields); Michael Williams, Stuart Chadban, Troy Brown, Chris Graham (Newcastle).

Reserves: Brendan McGuire (New England), Michael Thorley (Mid-North Coast), Craig Beckett (Coalfields).

Coach Rudi Sporrer has listed four goalkeepers — Brendan Murphy, Matthew Bloomfield, Sabino Ragno and Chris Graham — whom he will assess again at training sessions before making his final selection.

The Under-15 squad is:

Simon Devetak (West Wallsend); Glen Cooper, Dean Curran, Andrew O'Keefe, Bernard Tasevski (Highfields Azzurri); Matthew Durie (Weston Bears); Troy Halpin, George safouris, Dean Scott, Andrew Zok (Adamstown Rosebud); Mark Gillan, Stephen Foster (Lake Macquarie); Keith Jeffs, Hay Dinh (Boambee); Craig Mitchell (Coffs City Lions); Troy Radford (Austral United).

Reserves: Damien Smith (Highfields Azzurri), Danny Burt (Austral United), Shane Colbert (Cardiff), Jay Cranford (Adamstown Rosebud).

Coach: Les Bee.

the right time and I can't back against the form team."

FRANK COLETTA

Sydney Croatia, Marconi, Sth Melbourne, Wollongong City, Sunshine George Cross.

"I can't see too much changing from the way things stand at the moment."

"The top three will be there for certain, with only Melbourne Croatia likely to force their way in above the Wolves or Georgie."

JOHN ECONOMOS

Marconi, Sydney Croatia, Sth Melbourne, Sunshine George Cross, Melbourne Croatia.

"Marconi must battle to overhaul Sydney Croatia. They have the biggest, most experienced squad in the League."

"As dark horse for the Grand Final after Marconi, don't discount Sunshine George Cross."

KEITH GILMOUR

Sydney Croatia, Marconi, Sunshine George Cross, South Melbourne, Melbourne Croatia.

"Don't be surprised if Sydney Croatia man-

ages to hold out to take the Grand Final. Watch Melbourne Croatia's run towards the end."

The Remaining Games:-

MARCONI - Adelaide C (h), Melb Croatia (a), Footscray (h), Sydney Croatia (a), Sydney Olympic (a) and Apia (h).

S Y D N E Y
CROATIA - Brunswick Juventus (a), Footscray (h), Sth Melbourne (a), Marconi (h), St George (h) and Wollongong (h).

SOUTH MELBOURNE - Brisbane Lions (a), Juventus (h), Sydney Croatia (h), St George (a), Wollongong (h) and Adelaide C (a).

WOLLONGONG - George Cross (h), Apia (h), B Lions (h), B Lions (a), Juventus (h), Sth Melbourne (a) and Sydney Croatia (a).

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS - Juventus (a), Wollongong (a), Preston (a), Adelaide C (h), Melb. Croatia (a), Footscray (h) and Syd. Olympic (a).

MELB. CROATIA - Footscray (a), Marconi (h), Syd. Olympic (a), S George Cross (h), Apia (a) and Juventus (h).



Italia striker John Danzo in action earlier this season. The youngster has made the State CHS squad and aims to try out for the NSL next season. Picture courtesy of ILLAWARRA MERCURY.

Excitement ahead for Danzo

BY PHIL MURPHY

FOR teenage Fairy Meadow Italia striker John Danzo, Soccer has become a case of 'have boots will travel'.

The youngster is a key player in Italia's State Second Division title claim and has also been selected in the State CHS team for the Australian championships.

This year the championships will be held in Darwin after Danzo gained selection in the team which travelled to Perth last season.

In Perth, he gained selection in the Australian schoolboys team which later toured Hongkong and China.

Only 17, he says Soccer has given him a great opportunity to travel and his aim next season is to break into the NSL.

He has already made his mind up to trial with Wollongong City early next year and has served a sound "apprenticeship" with the Italia Club.

This is his second season in the first grade side and he has proved

he has the pace and ability to score goals.

Coach Larry Gaffney says Danzo turned up for a trial on his pushbike early last season. "We knew he was a good junior at Balgownie but he has done really well for me," Gaffney said.

"He lacked a bit of confidence earlier this season but came back with a bang."

Danzo showed he had regained his touch when he scored in all three grades against Queen's Park late last month.

He played the second half in Under 19's and scored twice, grabbed another in the last half-hour of reserve grade and two as a replacement for the top team.

A week later he punished the North Sydney defence with a stunning hat-trick in Italia's 5-1 away win.

Danzo said he started out as a defender in Bal-

gownie's Under 9 side but was converted up front two seasons later. Since then he has been a regular in Illawarra and schools representative teams.

Danzo hopes that Italia can win the Second Division title this season and take a spot in the top league under next year's new format.

"We have some very good players in our side and experienced full-backs Ian Shaw and Peter Willis have really tightened our defence," the youngster said.

"Larry Gaffney is doing a great job in only his first season in the position and he has helped my game a lot."

John Danzo still turns up for training on his pushbike, but will soon get his driver's licence and wants to arrive in style for his bid to break into the NSL next year.

Success for John Davies

TOM Kilkelly was successful in his first game after taking over as coach of Kingsway Olympic.

And when David Harrison filled the shoes vacated at Perth Italia by Francis Burns, the club also picked up three points.

This week John Davies found himself Spearwood Dalmatinac's lucky mascot as the team advanced to the quarter-finals of the D'Orsogna Cup after he took over from Stuart Kamasz.

It's strange how a bad run can so often be halted by a coaching change.

A string of defeats had left Dalmatinac on the bottom of the standings and in danger of relegation before Davies' return to the club where he previously gave such sterling service.

Outgoing coach Kamasz can point to a

series of injury problems as the reason for the club's poor start, but Davies has re-organised the balance of the side, bringing back Boris and Zoran Atanasovski while re-employing Dave Kamasz on the right wing.

Tommy Maras also produced a fine performance in his first match back after a cartilage operation as Dalmatinac recorded a 2-0 win over Perth Italia before a good-sized Dalmatinac Park crowd that braved wet and windy conditions.

While Davies was able to celebrate, Harrison had to view the tatters of Italia's cup ambitions after the team scored a first-up win under his guidance the week before.

"I'm disappointed, naturally, but we have a programme to follow if Italia is going to win the big one, the Super League premiership," said Harrison.

He will have to get his forwards operating effectively if that is to happen. In Paul Middleton, Gary Murray and Lou Collova he has a strike force of some reputation.

They had their chances on Sunday, however, and glaringly wasted them.

In other D'Orsogna Cup action, Floreat Athena, who have felt the heavy heel of Kingsway Olympic on three occasions this season, turned the tables with a strong 3-1 win at the Monger Park velodrome.

The week before, Olympic had won a league thriller 4-2.

NOTE

ASW regrets that staff shortages due to illness have forced curtailment of some features, including tables, in this week's issue.

The State Story

Alan Clark reviews the Soccer scene in ... SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Veart's return

SALISBURY United striking sensation Carl Veart has vowed to return before the end of the season after breaking his shin against Hellas.

The teenager will be in plaster for another month and then will fight back to fitness in time to help the Berries' bid for a title challenge.

Veart was injured in a late tackle that saw Hellas defender Brenton Hiern sent off in the last minute of play.

Salisbury recruited Veart from Whyalla Croatia this season and

he was just returning to the sparkling form that saw him a hit on the Australian schoolboys' tour of China and SA's kingpin striker in the national youth titles in Sydney, where SA was beaten finalist.

With the determination and tigerish attitude of the youngster, he yet could entice national youth coach Les Scheinflug to have another look at him once he regains fitness.

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Djuro Arezina became one of the most expensive players in the Rothmans League when he joined Modbury for \$7000 from Beograd.

Striker Arezina was not happy at missing out on selection at Beograd and produced a dazzling debut performance that had

Caruso seeks summit

ADELAIDE City president Charlie Caruso called for a summit meeting between coaches and SA referees after coach Zoran Matic made a heated outburst on the standard of State whistlers, for which he landed in trouble with the NSL disciplinary committee.

Bob Wray, secretary of the SA division of the Australian Referees Federation, agreed with the suggestion.

"We'd welcome having a couple of our officials meeting with the coaches," he said. "It's a logical thing to do. They play under the rules that we have to implement so if we have a better understanding of each other's point of view that can do nothing but good."

Adelaide Hellas officials lodged a protest with SA authorities when their match with Salisbury was allowed to go on in conditions they claimed were unplayable.

Salisbury won the match 1-0 to open up the Rothmans State League title race.

★★★

SA has had to call out the refereeing veterans in answer to a shortage of whistlers.

Four of the top men in black were unavailable recently and that caused shortage in the ranks which saw such veterans as life member Dave Gardner back running the line in a juniors game.

FIFA man Donald Campbell and Bill Tattersall were injured; Mike Browning had work commitments and Jim Rossis was on national league duty.

★★★

Former Adelaide Hellas giant Dave Pillans has rejoined his old mate Tommy Preston at Second Division club, Blackwood.

Preston took over as coach of the Hills side a month ago when Peter Barnhurst resigned.

Pillans now runs the club under-18s and acts as a specialised skills coach for the senior side.

It's paving dividends because Blackwood is moving into a challenging position in the promotion race.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

BY DAVID ANDREWS
WESTERN AUSTRALIA has jumped onto the coaching merry-go-round once again with the disappearance of two more coaches from the new Super League.

Now we have the dismissal of none other than former Manchester United star and Scottish international, Francis Burns, from the new Perth Italia.

This was followed up by the resignation on Sunday of Stuart Kamasz from Spearwood Dalmatinac, and follows the sacking of John O'Connell from Kingsway Olympic.

Kamasz is a well known name in Australian Soccer with brother Dave playing on the right wing for Dalmatinac, while brother Stefan is the ex-secretary of

Mastermind Maricic

BY ALAN CLARK

ZORAN Maricic, the player-coach of Rothmans League leader Croatia, will get a new view of his side on Saturday in a crucial meeting with Salisbury.

Maricic masterminded a thrilling 3-1 win over closest rival Adelaide Hellas last weekend, but on Saturday will watch from the sidelines after being sent off for allegedly striking Scottish import Raymond Blair.

Croatia played brilliantly last week with superbly struck goals from Jesper Sorensen, Robert Marwe and Mike Barnett.

It will get it tough against fourth placed Salisbury but should maintain its title lead.

Hellas hopes took a dive with the defeat, and it faces another challenge on Saturday against unpredictable Campbelltown. Brenton Hiern will be out after being sent off for the second time in a fortnight.

Campbelltown last week scored a slender 1-0 win against under

strength Adelaide City, but its mixture of seasoned veterans and tireless teenagers will make it a difficult opponent for Hellas.

The match of the day could be at Golden Grove. Bottom side Beograd, encouraged by its scoreless draw with Salisbury, travels to play second bottom Modbury.

A point separates them and defeat here could condemn one side to the Second Division.

Para Hills, inspired by the goalkeeping of coach Martyn Crook, downed high flying Birkalla last week and could surprise Adelaide City.

Birkalla itself has home advantage against Lion but again is struggling for goals and might get some trouble from John Hudoba, who scored twice last week in Lion's defeat of Cumberland.

Polonia is an increasing worry for title hopefuls. But it has a fitness doubt over ace import Mariuz Niewiadomski for its visit to Cumberland.

Home advantage makes the Foxes a hand-

ful, and a draw would not surprise as Cumberland battles to avoid the drop.

PLACINGS: Croatia 21, Hellas 17, Birkalla 17, Salisbury 16, Polonia 15, Campbelltown 15, Adelaide City 12, Lion 12, Cumberland 11, Para Hills 11, Modbury 10, Beograd 9.

NSW WOMEN

THE game between Putney Town, last year's champions, and Girraween, last year's League Cup winners, saw the biggest crowd of the season and ended in a 3-3 draw.

In a great match, Girraween (formerly Pagewood), took a 2-0 lead early in the first half, only to see Putney come back with two very quick goals. The teams were locked 2-2 at the break.

The second half saw Putney take the lead and it looked as if they had the game sown up. Then a brilliantly taken free-kick from national team player Julie Dolan evened the scores once more.

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Big Irish striker Paul Blute is causing Hellas worries.

He has a nagging back complaint and has missed the past month.

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Mick Kelly, who has been sidelined for 18 months with a serious knee injury, is to be the new reserves coach of Para Hills.

He also will be assistant to new coach Martyn Crook. Helping with the Hillsiders' coaching will be Arthur Crook and former player Neil Fuller, who had to have part of a leg amputated last season after a Soccer accident.

★★★

Campbelltown hopes soon to welcome back former AIS boy Tim Mullen.

The teenage striker, brother of Adelaide City marksman Joe, has made a quick recovery from knee operations and could be back on the training track this week.

WA coaches massacred

the National League.

At least for Kamasz it was his decision, though had he not taken that step the sack would have been close behind.

Add these three to Frank Schaper who was given his marching orders earlier in the year by North Perth Croatia, and you have half the clubs in the new competition having changed the man who was employed to direct their destiny for 1988.

There is talk of a least a further two riding close to the edge, though I won't name them here in case I put ideas into some people's minds.

Coaching has always been a dangerous occupation, but it has become downright suicidal to fill a position in the current WA competition.

In each case the coaches concerned had

achieved a high degree of proficiency in qualifications in Australia coaching courses.

As so often happens, the clubs in question suddenly found the magic touch and won valuable points.

Olympic, under player-coach Tom Kilkelly, immediately recorded a solid 4-1 victory over Dalmatinac, and then turned over front-runners Floreat Athena 4-2.

Italy reversed their bad streak to beat Stirling Macedonia 2-1 last week.

Somewhere along the line the new Soccer Commission has to find a solution to the coaching problem.

It gives the code a bad name among other sports, while it achieves little in the long run.

What would happen if all clubs but the leaders change their coach to try and reverse results?

Someone is still going to lose.

Probably the saddest sacking of them all is that of Burns, a man who reached the heights in the toughest professional league of them all, the English First Division.

Many a top player has struggled once he is away from the actual playing and into coaching.

Burns started strongly enough, but hit the wall as the season progressed producing four losses, three wins and two draws.

The draws made the difference between first place and fifth spot and holding the job.

If someone like Burns can't hold onto the job, after his playing and coaching experience in England as well as holding coaching qualifications, then ordinary mortals will have an equally tough time.

AS THE CROW FLIES

The Campbells are coming

• Three SA servicemen will be in NSW next month in a bid to battle for a place in the national Army squad.

Don Campbell, son of FIFA ref Donald, Steve McNaughton and Wayne Condon were in the SA Army team that downed the RAAF in a recent annual challenge match.

The national trials will be held at Holsworthy, NSW.

• Former East Fife striker Raymond Blair quickly is repaying Adelaide Hellas' faith in bringing him out from Scotland.

The quicksilver striker has scored in each of his first two appearances for his new club for whom import defender Martin Doak, from Morton has been impressive.

• Lion goalkeeper Graham Wood had a match to remember in his first Reserves appearance against Polonia since his move from Hellas.

His side went down 2-1 through two penalty goals and the keeper was booked.

Meanwhile, Lion was bright new gold strips with blue side flashes. But they are not dazzling opponents.

Lion has lost 4-0, 5-0 and 3-0 in recent encounters.

The club also has lost long-serving committeemen Wasyl Udyecz, John Kostiw and Ivan Hawrilyw, who have resigned.

• Blackwood's Dave Sheperdson is the kind of inconspicuous man that boosts almost every club in Australia.

He quietly works in the background selling raffle tickets for his club.

Imagine his surprise, then, when he travelled to Azzurri recently with his team — and won first prize in the draw there.

• Cumberland has agreed terms with Croatia over the transfer of Darryl Pankhurst back to his old club.

Darryl joins his brother back with the Foxes who also has welcomed back star defender Stevie Parks from a lengthy injury.

Meanwhile, Cumberland utility player Julian Stuart has joined Second Division Seaford.

Talking of Second Division, spare a thought for Enfield City. It has played nine games for just two goals — yet is in mid-table as a result of two 1-0 wins and four scoreless draws.

• Former Birkalla defender Mick Pietrus should be back in SA next month.

The fullback is due back in town after a year-long round-Australia trip with Soccer-playing wife Lisa.

• Ace Birkalla midfielder Terry Hayes has been ruled out for the rest of the season with a serious knee injury.

Hayes did not think the complaint was serious but surgeons found a complex series of injuries and gave Hayes the bad news he'd be out for the year.

• Salisbury's cruel run of injuries continues.

After striker Carl Veart breaking a leg, the Berries have been hit by injury blows to striker Tony Gasparetto and midfielder John Williams.

Both have had groin operations. Paul Wilde, a striker bought from Adelaide City for \$7000, is recovering from similar surgery.

• Beograd star defender Slavko Hancar in the past has not been recognised as one of SA's best trainers.

But that's not been the case in '88.

"He's really put in well and has been an example to all the others," said coach Alex McKinnell of his club skipper.

Hancar also has been taking training sessions one night a week after McKinnell pumped up sessions to three times a week.

• Import Pawel Wiczorek is becoming famous for his power shooting.

"We call them 'drunken drives'", said Polonia team manager Joe Larecki.

"They swerve and bob on their way into the net."

Wiczorek left fans speechless recently on a rain-soaked, heavy pitch when he bolted in a 35 metre free-kick.

Referees ban on Latino

ACT Soccer referees have placed a ban on any of their members officiating at matches involving Latino America.

agreeable to Latino and its opponents.

"A member of the Senior League management committee will be present at all their games from now on," he said.

The decision, taken jointly by the ACT divisions of the Australian Soccer Referees Federation and the Australian Affiliated Soccer Referees Federation, was announced after a meeting with league officials.

ACTSF executive director Paul FitzPatrick said the club would now have to appoint a willing individual mutually

Meanwhile, Latino player Luis Uzabeaga has given notice of an appeal against a two-year ban placed on him by the ACT League disciplinary tribunal following incidents involving the fourth-division side and first-division Belconnen United in a Federation Cup match.

CLASS ALL ROUND

Says **MIKE JOHNSON**

THE Republic of Ireland 1 England 0; Sunshine George Cross 1, South Melbourne Hellas 0.

Saw these games on television within a short space of time of each other and was tremendously entertained by both games.

England was playing Eire in the spacious Stuttgart Stadium in West Germany, while South Melbourne had to contend with Sunshine on the rustic Chaplin Reserve.

To be able to say that one could enjoy an Australian national league game for its football and excitement, while with the same breath saying that the England-Ireland game was also worth watching, speaks volumes for the improvement of our domestic Soccer.

Chaplin Reserve had its stars in John Markovski, Sean Keogh and Steve Tasios.

The German game had Glenn Hoddle and Ray Houghton, Pat Bonner and Peter Beardsley.

Gary Lineker and Paul Wade were the villains who missed vital goal chances at both venues that should have been put away.

Sunshine coach John Gardner retained a splendid composure throughout at Chaplin Reserve, whilst Irish coach, Englishman (that's Irish) Jackie Charlton could not believe it when Houghton scored in just six minutes for Ireland.

While Sunshine goalie Keogh's first half acrobatics kept his team in the game, Irish 'keeper Bonner saved his stuff till the second half when he deprived Lineker of a hat-trick of goals.

England had been ineffective on the wings and tried to play through the centre of

the Irish defence, where three big central defenders were a formidable block to Lineker and Beardsley.

And then

That is until Hoddle came on. His through balls, chipped over the defence, put the three big men out of business as the speedy Lineker raced in behind them.

Couldn't Hoddle have come on early against an Irish team who had a central defender, Paul McGrath, playing a withdrawn midfield role?

It was great to see two England central defenders playing at times with deft skill and often coming forward in the second half.

My Geordie compatriot, Tottenham's Chris Waddle played poorly out wide and I was surprised he was not substituted.

Jackie Charlton, another Geordie, had planned well defensively and whenever England ball-players, John Barnes or Peter Beardsley had the ball

they were harassed by at least two Irish defenders.

The Irish recovered very quickly behind the ball and defended well in numbers.

But then Jackie Charlton used to play in the centre of defence for England, so he should be able to organise a defence.

On the other hand, the Irish in possession of the ball, especially in the second half, were poor — they could hardly string three passes together.

It took the creative ability of Hoddle to bring flair and inventiveness to the England game.

I have spoken before of the talents of England coach, Don Howe, and his seeming weakness to produce innovative Soccer.

How much did he influence the selection of artisan Webb over artist Hoddle in the England midfield?

Perhaps very little, because England manager Bobby Robson has never been a big fan of Hoddle anyway.

Robson was a defensive midfielder (called wing half) with Fulham.

He had a creative team at Ipswich Town, where he gained the suc-

cess that brought him the England manager-ship, but he seems to have had a suspicion about the worth of ball-players such as Hoddle and Barnes since he has held the national team reigns.

South Melbourne Hellas' England manager-coach Brian Garvey has no such worries about the value of picking a team geared for flair and all-out attack.

His team supports one another very well in possession of the ball and a defender-cum-midfielder Angie Postecoglou is their leading scorer.

I liked mobile midfielder Steve Tasios on his showing.

Danny Wright has a lot of artistry, he seems to need more fire in his belly, but is excellent on the ball.

Paul Trimboli was somewhat the same, with perhaps even more ability, but he did not appear to work hard enough to get free of his marker who did a very good job on him.

Underdogs

Just as England captain Bryan Robson was off his game and unable to inspire England against the Irish, South Melbourne's inspiration



BRUCE McCLAREN clutches a high ball safely, whilst his **SOUTH MELBOURNE Hellas** team-mates congregate around in support.

Both were grossly underrated really ...

Paul Wade did not impose himself at Chaplin Reserve.

I was very impressed though with the way he handled the situation when a Sunshine player went over the ball against him.

Underdogs, Ireland and Sunshine both deserved their victories.

They were named underdogs, but really

were both underrated going into their games. Both are good teams.

Any country which can leave a player such as Everton's Kevin Sheedy off its team sheet has to have impressive player strength.

Ireland have this.

There are good players all over the park and with suspended star Liam Brady back in

their midfield, will be a worthy opponent for any team in this competition.

Sunshine also are a good side.

Markovski at 19 is a brilliant talent; strong, competitive and skilful and is sure to play overseas.

They are well organised while trying to play football under a coach who it appears would not be disturbed even if the Lochness monster suddenly stuck its head into the Chaplin Reserve dug-out.

Gardner would probably give it that bland, wide-eyed stare and say ... "och awae with ye" then return to his lads who he must now feel confident are headed for a top five spot.

Battle for NSL final honours

By **FRANK SCICLUNA**

THE intriguing, cut throat battle being fought to win this year's West End National Soccer League may well turn out to be nothing more than a hollow victory for whoever finishes on top of the competition table after 26 gruelling home and away matches.

Officially, the 1988 champions will be the team which can hit its peak over a single 90 minute period on Grand Final day — or even a penalty shootout, and it's most unlikely that it will be the one which manages to collect most points over the whole season.

To do so, an NSL tradition which has never seen one club win the double will have to be

broken.

Even the almost unbeatable Sydney City in its heyday failed on all three occasions it reached the final hurdle.

The Slickers did triumph in two Grand Finals in 1978 and 1979 but the championship in those two years went to West Adelaide and Marconi respectively.

A perfect example of the hoodoo that seems to prevent a double vic-

tory was in 1982.

Sydney City had just completed its third successive championship win by a record nine points and looked to be invincible when it faced St George at Penrith Park on Grand Final day.

A shock 3-1 victory by the Saints however deprived the Slickers of a clean sweep.

Fortunately, justice was done by the fact that the title was decided on a first past the post basis, just as it was last season when St George again upset the odds by beating Champions APIA in a Grand Final which really meant very little.

This year's introduction of a championship deciding Grand Final can very easily continue in the same vein.

In fact, a good argument can be put forward which shows that a team finishing in first position could be at a distinct dis-

sadvantage.

Contrary to previous years when the play-offs were held in midweek forcing the lower placed semi-finalists into an agonising match programme to even reach the Grand Final, the series will this year be played only on weekends thus taking away some of the advantage gained by finishing on top.

It also means that should the first placed side win its major semi final and progress straight into the big one, the championship deciding Grand Final will only be their second match played in a month.

Rather than the break being beneficial to them, a double disruption to their big match lead up could prove a severe handicap.

Training games during that crucial period can never replace tough match practice as pre-

paration and for that reason, the teams that finishes second or third on the table will be strongly favoured to finish up winning the championship.

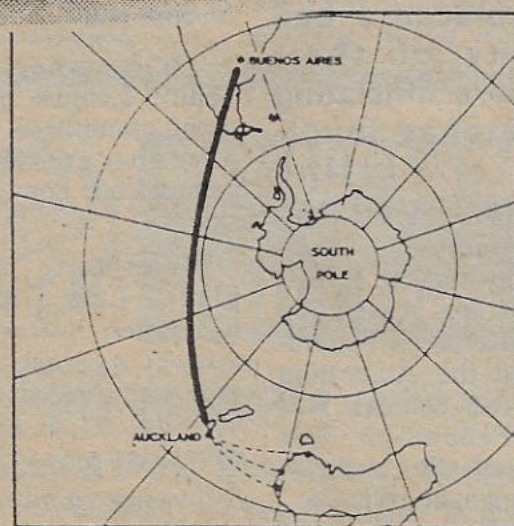
Irrespective of the fairness of otherwise of the play-off system, and accepting its undoubted crowd appeal, a vast majority of players and coaches still regard finishing first on the ladder as the only genuine method of winning a championship and few can argue against them.

After all, promotion to the NSL is not gained by winning a Grand Final but by collecting more points than the opposition over a whole season.

If we must have a championship deciding Grand Final however, a better formula must be found which gives the first placed team a deserved and meaningful edge over the other four contenders.

NSL CHAMPIONS & GRAND FINAL WINNERS

	CHAMPIONS	MARGIN (Goal Difference)	Grand Final Winners
1977	Sydney City		Not Held
1978	West Adelaide	1 Point	Sydney City
1979	Marconi	4 Points	Sydney City
1980	Sydney City	1 Point	Heidelberg
1981	Sydney City	4 Points	Not Held
1982	Sydney City	9 Points	St George
1983	St George	1 Point	Not Held
1984	Regionalised National	League	
1985	Regionalised National	League	
1986	Regionalised National	League	
1987	APIA	6 Points	St George



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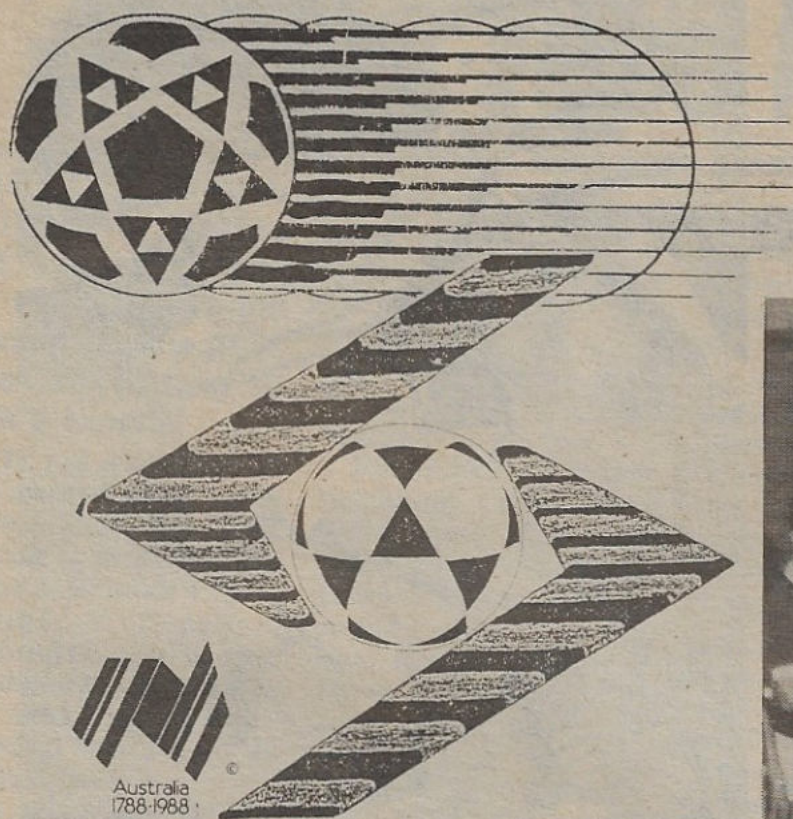
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WORLD CUP NEWS

AUSTRALIA has a lot to learn in the arena of international negotiations.

Relationships between the Federacion Espanola De Futbol Sala and the A.I.S.F. have never been cordial and certainly no love has ever been lost between the two Federations.

The A.I.S.F. President took particular objections whilst in Spain for the previous World Cup in 1985, to the treatment meted out to the Australian team and made no secret of it in the Spanish press at the time - whilst Spain saw fit to extend financial support to a number of teams which competed in the 1985 World Championships, Australia was excluded. At the time the A.I.S.F. was told you can come at your own cost or not come at all.

The A.I.S.F. saw fit to return the favor and informed the F.E.F.S. that if it wished to com-

pete in the 1988 World Championships in Australia later this year it (The F.E.F.S.) could do so at its own expense. The F.E.F.S. reply was that the A.I.S.F. was victimising their team and threatened to make the issue an international incident. The A.I.S.F. stood fast and informed the F.E.F.S. to take the proverbial leap.

Then came the crunch. The A.I.S.F. received a strongly worded note from the President of the F.E.F.S. and President of the European Confederation of Futbol Sala, Senor Antonio Alberca, saying that unless Australia was prepared to subsidize the Spanish team, European nations would withdraw. The final result was Spain 2 Australia nil. The A.I.S.F. has agreed to the Spanish terms.

NEW TRAINING MANUAL

THE long awaited James Hardie Indoor Soccer Training Manual is here and ready for distribution.

The manual took two years to complete and it has been approved by the Australian Coaching Council and in conjunction with A.C.H.P.E.R. as part of the overall Aussie Sport Programme.

The manual serves as the basic introduction to Indoor Soccer (Fut/Sal) as well as the official level O coaching book, and has been designed to be used as a text by physical education teachers.

The Australian Indoor Soccer Federation wishes to acknowledge the financial contribution by James Hardie Industries, the Australian Sports Commission and Buffalo Sports.

Books are available from the AISF at \$19.95 plus postage. Anyone wishing to purchase the James Hardie Indoor Soccer Training Manual should write to: AISF, P.O. Box 249, REVESBY. 2212. Telephone (02) 771 1677.

THE National U/16 Indoor Soccer Squad will be having final selection trials the following weekend June 18/19, at Kambah High School, Kambah Canberra.

This team will travel to Brazil in November, and play a series of games in San Paulo, and Curitiba against their Brazilian counterparts.

RESERVOIR HOPPERS VS THOMASTOWN CRUSHERS

CURRENT Victorian champions Grasshoppers met the Crushers last year's State champions in the 1st round of the Colossus Oil Indoor Championships.

It must be said that whenever these two teams meet there is no love lost and as expected on this occasion it was no different.

The skill and speed that these two teams play the game brought the crowd to its feet numerous times in the course of the game.

Ten minutes into the first half Hackett from the Crushers showed his superiority by putting two quick goals away by his domination of the left wing of the court, wrong footing Grasshoppers goalkeeper Steve Di Carrado.

Grasshoppers captain Jose Ribero brought his team back into the game when he scored from a difficult angle to make it 2-1 at half-time.

To the delight of the 200 supporters De Milo cleaned up a rebound ball in the 7th minute and put it through the legs of Crushers' goalkeeper Ditto Speziale.

With the score tied at two all the game see-sawed until Grasshoppers were awarded a free kick despite a three-man wall and goalkeeper, evergreen Fortunato Carvalho, curled the ball beautifully to put it away giving the Grasshoppers the lead.

Within minutes Ivan Futto scored from an intercept to level the score once again.

With two minutes remaining on the clock Grasshoppers' Tony Gomez slotted a shot past Speziale to give the Grasshoppers their well deserved victory of 4-3.

VICTORIA COLOSSUS

THE Colossus Oil Indoor Soccer League 1st round of games got under way last week with six regional teams taking part in the competition.

The draw for the 1st round was played on Tuesday 14th June Geelong Strikers scoring 2 goals to Corio Cats 1 goal and Bayswater Cinzano 13 goals to Knox Lotto 4 goals

Reservoir Grasshoppers scoring 4 goals to Thomastown 3 goals 1st round points are; Bayswater Cinzano 3 pts

Reservoir Grasshoppers 3 pts Geelong Strikers 3 pts Corio Cats 1 pt Thomastown Crushers 1 pt Knox Lotto 1 pt Top goal scorers 6.5 pt

Jamison (B.C.) 4 Castillo (B.C.) 4 Hackett (T.C.) 2.

Other goal scorers Bullock (B.C.) Diaz (B.C.) Neal (K.L.) Kowalski (B.C.).

ABOVE: National Director of Coaching and National team coach NICK NICOLOPOULOS (far right) oversees a budding young Indoor player taking a strike at goal during a clinic. Many of these will be held over the coming months, especially so for coaches.

A NEW Team has been formed in Sydney called the Campbelltown Warriors.

An application is on its way to the Federation for a spot in the JHNSL.

It is also rumored that they have \$60,000 upfront, any shaky teams in Sydney or Wollongong that have financial problems will be replaced by the new Warriors who are looking for players. Anyone interested ring 610 5994.

Rumour has it that International Charlie Akkary has signed up with Sydney Tornados.

Finally, a New Zealand U/14 boys team is planning to take on the Aussie U/14 team in October of this year.

NSW INDOOR

State League Results

Alkene 5 (R. Filipovic) 5) Marios Boys 2 (F. Valastro, F. Speranza).

All Blacks Utd 7 (S. Gilligan 3, B. Gilligan, G. Thoms, P. Oldfield) Fairfield Dynamos 3 (B. Kodar 2, Z. Zec).

	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Alkene	10	2	0	76	37	30
P'matta Shields	8	1	2	39	19	28
F'ield Dynamos	7	3	1	33	33	23
All Blacks Utd	5	5	2	25	35	19
Marios Boys	6	6	0	58	59	18
IMB C'belltown	6	5	0	39	44	18
P'matta Spears	5	6	1	21	29	17
IMB Illawarra	2	8	1	18	45	8

Internationals for Parramatta Spartans



PARRAMATTA Spartans have secured the services of leading Australian representative players, Erkin and Ercan Osman to play in the 1988 James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League.

After several seasons with the Sydney Tornados, the brothers felt they needed a new challenge at this stage of their careers and opted for a change.

The nucleus of the Spartan squad has just about been determined, but it is continuing discussions and is trialling other leading players to further strengthen the team.

Erkin has been appointed club captain. Both he and Ercan (pronounced Erjan) are looking forward to the commencement of the National League with their new club.

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BY MICHAEL DEANE

MAROUBRA QUEENS PARK could be forgiven for believing that they were to run away with the game, after scoring two quick goals in the first half of a tight no-holds barred fixture against Granville Chile at Coral Sea Park on Saturday.

Granville Chile however were not to be caught on the wrong foot, and once the delightful South American style came to the fore they soon dispelled any idea that MQP may have had of running riot over the Garside Park based outfit and ran out 5-2 winners.

Granville Chile puts cleaners to

NSW STATE LEAGUE
SECOND DIVISION

M.Q.P. opened the scoring in the first five minutes when Jimmy Ronas was called upon to take the spot kick after a Granville defender had handled inside the area.

MQP scored their second two minutes later when James Berry side-footed the ball over the line after a deal of scrambling in the 18 yard area.

Granville Chile scored their first goal in the 23rd minute when Carlos Aravena hammered the ball first time after good lead up work on the right flank.

They levelled the score at 2-2 in the 34th minute when Aleberto Arbelowas was called up to take the penalty after Andrew Ferris was dumped in the box.

The score remained 2-2 when drinks were taken.

Granville Chile came

out for the second half looking to put the issue beyond doubt, and, with the second half only five minutes old, they hit the front when Andrew Ferris picked up a through pass from Carlos Villazon working neatly with brother Augustin to create space for the Granville side.

It was in fact Carlos Villazon who took a corner on the left side and curled the ball to such an extent that the MQP keeper stood flat footed to watch the ball curl past out of his reach and lob into the net.

It was a perfect example of bending the ball at which the South Americans players excel.

Augustin Villazon, not to be out done by brother Carlos, ran through the MQP defence unchallenged to hammer the ball on the run past the MQP keeper who was unable to cope with the power and ferocity of the blast.

The MQP team tried desperately to get back

into the game but alas their chances were limited at this stage with Granville keeping their defence very tight at the back.

Granville Chile had a golden opportunity to make the half dozen when awarded a penalty close to the fulltime

Maroubra

whistle.

However Arbelo was this time denied his second goal by the MQP keeper who saved the penalty well, after electing to dive to his right.

NSW REGIONAL NEWS

Lismore's strength

ONE of the shining lights of country Soccer in NSW is unquestionably the Far North Coast's Lismore District.

The Association is one of the longest established, and comprises clubs drawn from right throughout the district.

It is rich in junior strength, as well as having strong senior competitions.

Clubs and associa-

tions in affiliation this year are Alstonville, Ballina, Bangalow, Byron Bay, Brunswick/Byron Assn, Brunswick Valley, Casino, Casino United, Casino Junior Assn, Clarence River Assn, Dungarubba, Goonellabah, Goolman-gar, Grafton City, Italo-Stars, Kyogle, Lennox Head, Lismore Workers, Thistles, Lismore Thistles Juniors, Maclean, Nimbin, Nimbin Headers, Northern Rivers CAE, Richmond Rovers, Richmond Rovers Juniors, South Lismore, Tintenbar, Woodburn and Woodlawn College.

Talent such as Paul Foster (South Melbourne) and Craig Foster (Sydney Croatia) have come through the ranks.

Apia and former Socceroo goalkeeper, Terry Greedy, is a Lismore product as well as junior international David Sharpe.

This year's junior representative officials are: Youth: Coach: Neil Rose. U16: Coach: Brian Peterson, Manager: Eric Wilson. U15: Coach: John Percival, Manager: Dennis Fredricks.

U13: Coach: W. Cousins, Asst: E. Wilson, manager G. Northfield. U11: Coach: Bob Gailer, Asst: R. Pollock. Manager: K. Keevers. U10: Coach: Warren Taggart.



Angela Ianotta (back to camera) doing what she likes doing best — taking on defences.

Angela aims for Women's World Cup

writes GRAHAM COOKE

THE NSW-Victoria border cities of Albury and Wodonga are not known to be 'hotbeds' of Soccer but there is one branch of the code which has undergone explosive growth in the last 12 months.

Almost twice as many women and girls play the sport there than did a year ago — and if there is a single reason for the increase it is a petite, wavy haired 18-year-old with an insatiable thirst for goals.

Angela Ianotta is on the verge of selection for the Australian under-19 team — a proud achievement for anyone — but in the bush where this kind of honour is rare enough in any sport, it virtually guarantees her local superstar status.

She has had to fight all the way to get there. "My father wasn't too keen on me playing he'd rather I took up athletics," she said.

"But I won him round."

Even so, she might have been condemned to playing out her career unnoticed in a minor local league had it not been for an administrative change within the Australian Women's Soccer Association which made the Albury-Wodonga area part of the ACT for the purposes of selecting a team for the national championships.

Instead of having to compete for NSW selection with the vast numbers of players in far-off Sydney, Ianotta had the chance to make her mark among the smaller

pool of ACT hopefuls.

The result was her selection for the territory's senior team in the 1987 Australian championships.

The Albury City striker relished the chance. Her speed, ball skills and nose for goals brought her to the attention of the national selectors and she is now a member of the under-19 training squad.

Meanwhile, women's Soccer back home has taken off, with the first division expanding to eight teams — two more than its ACT equivalent. "Some of the new players are not that good, but their skills are improving all the time," she said.

"For instance, Wodonga City is in the competition now — the first time ever."

There is little doubt that Ianotta's example has played a big part in kindling interest among Riverina youngsters who can now see some point in working hard at the sport.

Her own ambitions are clear cut. "To continue to represent the ACT, develop my skills and play for Australia in the 1990 World Cup."

Which if achieved, would probably mean the freedom of the cities of Albury and Wodonga in an area fiercely proud of its elite sportspeople.

Mt Druitt's drive for the top

DIVISION 3

BY WES SAWINA

MT DRUITT burst into premiership calculations with a resounding 3-1 win over Concordia at Popondetta Park.

After an even opening spell, Campbell put the home side into the lead with a well placed header from a Sullivan cross.

Two minutes later Campbell headed the second from a corner and the match was as good as over.

With Sullivan, Campbell and Downes controlling the middle of the park, Concordia really looked dangerous.

The return from injury of Kerrigan gave the Druitt defence added stability, and at the same time enabled Campbell to exercise his vast experience to full advantage in his favoured midfield role.

Sullivan put away the third after a through ball by McElduff in the 80th minute.

Concordia's sole strike came via the penalty spot in the dying moments.

Rooty Hill West United slumped to their second consecutive defeat when they were comprehensively

thrashed by Orange 7-2 at the Waratah Sportsground.

Inspired by brilliant displays from Wayne and Sinclair, the homeside never looked in trouble.

Cousins collected the first goal in the 10th minute and, although always in control, Orange made heavy work of asserting their full authority on the match.

A five minute burst just before halftime saw Sinclair put away a Johnson cross and S. Cousins add the third.

With the Hills defence in total disarray, Wayne grabbed two solo goals after sprinting 50 metres through a non existent defence in the opening 15 minutes of the second half.

Teenage substitute, David Cook, pulled two back for Hill but his efforts signalled the last hurrah.

Sinclair and Johnson posted the final scores in a match Hill would want to forget quickly.

Main attention this week is on the Dulwich Hill/Mt Druitt encounter at Camperdown on Sunday.

Mt Druitt expect to parade a mystery new signing, and in their current form should take the points after a keenly contested 90 minutes.

Other attractive fixtures see Concordia host Southern District at Arlington on Saturday, while Orange may have too many guns for Moorebank at Orange on Sunday.

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WEEKEND WEST END MATCHES

COMING WEST END NSL FIXTURES

WEDNESDAY JUNE 22

Brunswick Juve v Sunshine GC Olympic Pk 7.30pm

SUNDAY JUNE 26

Footscray v Melb. Croatia Schintler Reserve

Marconi v Adelaide City Marconi Stad.

Sydney Olympic v Preston Make Sydney F'ball S.

Wollongong City v Sunshine G.C. Brandon Park

Apia-Leichhardt v St George Lambert Park

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THE WINNING EDGE

Dr Brent Rushall?

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He has presented workshops for elite coaches on all continents and has been recognised as being the "grandfather" of applied sport psychology by a number of world-organisations.

Dr Rushall has been involved with the inception, developments, and writing of coach-education courses in the coaching-certification schemes of Canada and Australia.

Dr Rushall has been the Team Psychologist for various Canadian Olympic, World-Cup, and World Championship Teams over the past 14 years.

His Olympic representations have been with the sports of swimming, wrestling, ski-jumping, and skiing.

When and Where are the Seminars?

Two programs have been organised by the Department during Dr Rushall's visit to Australia. They are as follows:

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NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES

ROUND 20 SATURDAY 25TH JUNE

DIVISION 1			
Marconi	v	Sthn Districts	Marconi Park
Canterbury	v	Apia Leichhardt	Blick Oval
Central Coast	v	Illawarra	Bill Pluim
Cant. M'ville	v	Croatia Sydney	Arlington Oval
Sutherland	v	Blacktown City	Bates Dr.
Melita Eagles	v	St George	Melita Stadium
Sydney Olympic	v	Nepean Assn	Marks Field

DIVISION 2			
Avala	v	Rockdale	Knight Park
Manly Warringah	v	Ku-ring-gai	Cromer Park
Nth Bankstown	v	Blacktown Assn	Potts Park
Gladesville	v	Uruguay	Pioneer Park
Campbelltown	v	Bankstown Assn	Lynwood Park
Yugal	v	Warringah	Mona Park
Macarthur Assn	v	Polonia	Ponderosa Park

UMBRO YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 19

SATURDAY 18TH JUNE DIVISION 1

		U13	U14	U15	U17	
Sthn Districts	v	Sutherland	0-5	1-1	0-3	0-3
Apia Leichhardt	v	Marconi	not played			
Illawarra Assn	v	Canterbury	2-3	7-1	1-2	0-2
Croatia Sydney	v	Central Coast	4-0	5-1	6-0	2-0
Cant. M'ville	v	Nepean Assn	no	res	ults	

Blacktown City	v	St. George	not played			
Melita Eagles	v	Sydney Olympic	not played			

DIVISION 2

Rockdale	v	Campbelltown	1-0	2-1	2-1	3-3
Ku-ring-gai	v	Avala	not played			
Blacktown Assn	v	Manly Warringah	0-0	0-3	2-0	0-4
Uruguay	v	Nth Bankstown	1-0	0-3	4-0	2-1
Gladesville	v	Polonia	3-0	0-1	1-2	2-2
Bankstown Assn	v	Yugal	not played			
Warringah	v	Macarthur Assn.	not played			

ROUND 15 SUNDAY 29TH MAY

DIVISION 1

Sthn Districts	v	Blacktown City	0-4	0-5	0-5	0-5
Apia Leichhardt	v	Melita Eagles	0-0	1-1	1-1	2-1
Illawarra Assn	v	Sydney Olympic	1-2	0-2	2-7	0-8
St George	v	Croatia Sydney	3-1	5-0	1-3	1-1
Cant. M'ville	v	Sutherland	1-7	2-3	0-2	2-1
Central Coast	v	Marconi	1-2	1-1	1-2	0-2
Canterbury	v	Nepean Assn	2-2	0-0	0-4	2-0

DIVISION 2

Rockdale	v	Bankstown Assn	0-2	2-2	1-2	5-2
Warringah	v	Ku-ring-gai	2-1	0-3	2-1	0-1
Blacktown Assn	v	Macarthur Assn	1-1	1-1	1-2	1-3
Uruguay	v	Yugal	1-1	0-0	0-2	3-2
Campbelltown	v	Gladesville	0-4	3-0	1-1	2-2
Nth Bankstown	v	Avala	8-0	6-0	7-1	3-0
Manly Warringah	v	Polonia	1-0	0-1	0-1	3-0

NOTE: First round of State and Amateur Cups begins this Sunday May 22. Robertson U21 Cup begins June 19. Also watch the columns for big news from the NSW Amateurs.



Crookwell's Andrew Ferris makes a bee-line for goal in this match against Goulburn High School.

— Photo GOULBURN POST

Gold Cup Curtain — Raiser Confirmed

THE NSW Amateur Soccer Federation is pleased to have obtained agreement to stage one of the most important clashes of the Under 15 Australian National Bicentennial Championships as a curtain-raiser to the Bicentennial Gold Cup match between Australia and Saudi Arabia.

This will be held on Saturday, July 9 at Parramatta Stadium commencing at 1pm.

Other exciting aspects relating to this tournament are that the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Racing, The Hon. R.B. Rowland Smith, M.L.C., has agreed to officiate at the Tournament Dinner on 7th July, 1988 as well as attend as many of the other functions as possible.

As well as this, the Mayor of Marrickville, Alderman Barry Jones, has also shown great interest.

He has arranged for the tournament to be listed as

one of the Council's major Bicentennial events and has organised a civic reception for all participants.

It is events such as these that help the series to secure its rightful place within the Soccer fraternity, and allow for recognition and exposure of top class skill to as wide an audience as possible.

All tournament games other than the one at Parramatta Stadium will be held at Mackey Park, Cnr Richardson Crescent and Carrington Road, Tempe (Telephone 558 5849) commencing at 9am on 2nd July, 1988.

There will be four games played every day with the tournament ending on Sunday 10th July, 1988.

ENTRY IS FREE and all are encouraged to attend. Food, refreshments, souvenirs and displays of licensed Soccer products will be available.

For further information please contact Cec Bucello, General Manager 629 1800 or Harrie Denning, Tournament Manager on 542 3577.

RUSHY'S CORNER

VALENTINE Park, the state's footballing headquarters, has had some excellent improvements recently.

An underground drainage system has been installed on the number two ground, and this has been followed up with a re-seeding of the entire surface which should see it back in use early next year.

Extra office space has been created by sealing the top floor verandah and the Amateur Federation has already moved in and are making full use of the available area.

Other changes at Parklea include the installation of vending machines, which have taken the place of the excellent service which we used to receive from Mrs Valentine and her

willing workers.

Mrs Valentine's work for Soccer's youth over the years has been nothing short of magnificent.

The preparation of meals for those staying in camp is now being looked after by a catering company.

It is pleasing to see some pride returning to the outward appearance of the complex, which needed some attention.

The groundsman also look very smart in their new uniforms which sport the official badge of the NSW Soccer Federation.

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There have been a number of inquiries recently as to why we are sometimes unable to supply the results of all Youth League matches. Unfortunately the problem stems from a num-

ber of clubs who are not phoning in the results to competition secretary Bill Cullinan.

He advises that stiff fines will apply to clubs who fail to comply with this rule.

Hopefully that will encourage clubs to do the right thing.

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There was no joy in learning of the alleged attack by a Rockdale Illinden Youth League supporter on Ian Huddleston, Bankstown Association's Director of Coaching.

This type of behaviour must be removed from all levels of Soccer and particularly in the junior ranks. On behalf of all genuine Soccer supporters it is hoped that Ian's recovery is a speedy one that immediate action is taken by the appropriate bodies.

On Queens Birthday Blacktown City took on home team Sydney Olympic at Punchbowl

Park.

Both Olympic and Canterbury Association, who share the ground, are very lucky indeed to be playing on a park which is in such good condition.

The Olympic 13's obviously enjoy playing there as they leapfrogged Blacktown on the competition table by defeating them 1-0.

Olympic dominated the second half, scoring from a corner which was headed in by John Canuli, however City could have easily equalised in the last minute when a free kick was awarded to them on the edge of the box. Unfortunately for Blacktown the resulting shot was well blocked by a desperate wall.

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There is some news in the wind which will interest all Youth League clubs and supporters. All the details of which should be available next week on these pages.

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England's final humiliation

ENGLAND crashed out of the Euro'88 finals once and for all as the USSR scored an emphatic 3-1 win over them in Bonn.

The Soviets were on fire from the outset, continually shearing up the English defence with the speed of Oleg Protasov and Igor Belanov.

Three goals were scored in the first half hour and the Soviets opened their account after just two minutes through Sergie Aleinikov, when Glenn Hoddle, whom England had placed so much hope in, lost the ball in 30 metres out from goal and new goalkeeper Chris Woods was left with no chance.

England levelled on the quarter hour but by that time the warnings were clear, the USSR should have been three goals to the good.

Tony Adams, one of the culprits in the shoddy English defence, leapt high to head home the equaliser.

Protasov, Belanov and Alexander Zavarov were running roughshod over the English and the back four of Adams, Dave Watson, Kenny Sansom and Gary Stevens were having a nightmare — continually being caught square.

Alexi Mikaelichenko restored the USSR's lead and supremacy after 28 minutes following a long ball from Gennadi Litovchenko was taken on by Vasily Rats and the beautifully chipped cross was smacked in by Mikaelichenko's expert header.

Pasulko rounded off the win with a goal in the 71st minute and England went home losers in all three matches, without a point or a prayer.

For the English little solace could be gathered from the brilliant form of skipper Bryan Robson, without him in midfield they would have been a ship totally without a rudder, even if they had little direction.

Hoddle was brilliant against the Irish when he came on in the second half, played soundly against Holland, striking the post with a brilliant free-kick and showing some of his craft — against the USSR he was awful, constantly losing possession and never attempting to retrieve the ball.

Gary Lineker had one of those tournaments he'd rather forget. Where in Mexico he proved England's saviour with six excellent strikes, in West Germany his luck ran out. He might have had a at least a hat-trick against the Irish in other

Italians Advance

GOALS from substitutes Alessandro Altobelli and Luigi de Agostini lifted Italy to a 2-0 victory over Denmark in Cologne and a spot in the semi-finals of the European Nations soccer championship.

The Italians took second place in the group behind host nation West Germany and will face the Soviet Union in the second semi-final (Thursday morning AEST) in Stuttgart.

The defeat left Denmark, a semi-finalist in 1984, without a win in three group games. They were beaten by a brace of well-taken goals by substitutes Altobelli (66th minute) and De Agostini (87th) both scored just after the players entered the game.

Altobelli, hero of the 1982 World Cup final, scored with his first touch of the ball after replacing Roberto Mancini 20 seconds before.

Gianluca Vialli, in outstanding form, created the goal with a break down the left. Altobelli anticipated the cross perfectly and eluded a defender to fire past goalkeeper Peter Schmelchel.

De Agostini was on target after a cross from the right from Giuseppe Bergomi beat the defense and came to the far post, where the substitute was on hand.

The Danes had their chances but were denied by a tight-knit Italian defence.

The young Italian team, under the guidance of Azeglio Vicini, has already exceeded its own expectations by making the last four — but has a realistic chance of taking out the title.

Although the Italians defeated the Soviet Union 4-1 in Bari in February, the semi-final is expected to be a lot closer.

Vialli fires up Italy

In Group 1 Italy defeated Spain 1-0 and the host nation West Germany beat Denmark 2-0.

West Germany relied on goals from Klinsmann and Thon and some assistance from a loose Danish defence.

Italy's goal capped a fine performance from left striker Gianluca Vialli.

Spain defeated Denmark 3-2 and West Germany and Italy had a 1-1 draw in the opening match.

West Germany capitalised on two errors in the Dutch defence to gain victory.

The result was more than welcomed by Germany's manager Franz Beckenbauer who stated: "The victory was important because we can now prepare in peace for the final Group 1 match."

Italy showed more poise and potential as it almost continuously pressured Spain and limited the opposition to a handful of chances.

Italy's persistence finally paid off in the 74th minute.

Vialli turned brilliantly on a pass from Carlo Ancelotti and an expert dummy from Alessandro Altobelli on the edge of the box, dragged the ball around defender Tomas and hit home with a strong low drive.

Prior to that though Vialli might have had a couple of goals and if Italy are lacking anything as they prepare for the semi-final showdown with the USSR it is an experienced and cool head in front of goal — Alessandro Altobelli is the answer. He showed it against Wales in Italy's final preparation match for the finals when he came on at half-time after the youngsters Vialli and Mancini had spurned three golden opportunities and did so again against the Danes when he expertly stuck away the Italians' first goal, only seconds after substituting Mancini.

The calls for the 33-year-old to start the game are strong — some say if he hasn't grabbed the necessary goals by half-time, then the young legs of Mancini could be used.

circumstances (Pat Bonner was brilliant and Lineker not as sharp as usual), he hit the post in the Holland match when he really should have given his side the lead and was generally not sighted in the final match — ultimately being substituted by Mark Hateley.

The defence must remain an enormous worry for Bobby Robson. Mark Wright had an abysmal match against the Irish but then performed well against the marauding Dutch, Tony Adams will have to score at least a goal every game to make up for his deficient defending, Kenny Sansom performed as well as he can despite seeming to be 'past it' and Gary Stevens played has not reproduced his club form for his country.

Perhaps now Woods will be placed permanently in the spot of Peter Shilton.

John Barnes was a huge disappointment yet only he, Peter Beardsley, Robson and Lineker can be assured of England spots in the near future.



ENGLAND's Gary Stevens hurdles over the top of a Soviet defender during their European Championship match. The USSR won comprehensively 3-1.



ABOVE: Italian star GIANLUCA VIALLI strikes the winner against Spain. BELOW: Spanish star MIGUEL GONZALEZ (Michel) can't elude the clutches of Italy's brilliant sweeper FRANCO BARESI.



Violence scars Euro finals

POLICE arrested more than 220 brawling English and West German fans before and after England lost 3-1 to the Soviet Union in its final European Championship group match in West Germany.

Following the match in Frankfurt, police helicopters buzzed overhead and hundreds of policemen patrolled Frankfurt's main railway station.

Many of those arrested were England supporters wearing their now notorious "Invasion of Germany 88" T-Shirts.

The fans were infuriated at England's elimination even before the match with the Soviets — but had been involved in violent scenes throughout the week, further sulling the name of English soccer.

The first week of the eight-nation championships saw almost 800

fans arrested, police said. The violence has already led to the cancellation of the English clubs' bid to play in European competitions next season.

English fans were by far the worst offenders.

English club sides have been banned from Europe since after the 1985 Heysel Stadium tragedy in Belgium in which 39 people, most of them Italian, were killed in violence sparked by Liverpool fans.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

ENGLISH and West German Soccer hooligans fought a pitched battle near Stuttgart railway station after the England-Ireland European championship match.

Witnesses said about 30 chanting West German fans charged into a similar number of English in a pedestrian precinct.

Both groups started punching and kicking each other before police broke them up.

The fight lasted about 20 minutes. Police said 11 people were taken away.

A total of 52 people, most of them English, were detained after several violent incidents in Stuttgart city centre in the early hours of the morning.

By the evening, police had gathered in large numbers in the city, bracing themselves for trouble after Ireland surprisingly beat England 1-0 in the afternoon.

"We'll be in the town in force. If there's any trouble we'll deal with it just as we did last night," a police spokesman said later.

During the early morning, in the ugliest scenes of the tournament so far, several groups of fans smashed shop windows and brawled in bars.

About 1500 people quelled the violence, which a spokesman later described as "fairly normal for a Saturday night in a big city."

But British Sports Minister Colin Moynihan, in West Germany to monitor the situation, said he was concerned and angry.

"This sort of incident continues to do so much damage to our international reputation and indeed to the championships. This is a cancer on the back of English football," he said.

"But I would say that the measures which have been taken by the West German authorities in conjunction with the English authorities could not, in my view, have been improved upon."

No charges have so far been brought, but one fan known to the police as one of England's worst thugs was immediately put on a plane back home after being sighted in Stuttgart.

An unfortunate sidelight on the whole affair is that, as well as the English ruffians, there are German as well as Dutch groups who are contributing to the problems, which are a slur on the name of the game.



At left: Holland's captain RUUD GULLIT is unable to turn in a chance against the USSR. Above: West Germany's JUERGEN KLINSMANN gives his Danish opponent a mouth full of elbow.

Revenge for Holland?

HOLLAND, defeated in the 1974 World Cup final by West Germany, will be out for revenge when they take on the Germans today (Wednesday morning) in the European Nations' Championships first semi-final.

The Dutch were defeated 2-1 in the Munich World Cup final after taking the lead in just the first minute through a Johan Neeskens penalty, following a foul on captain Johan Cruyff.

But the talented 'total football' side went to sleep from then on and a penalty by Paul Breitner after Bernd Holzenbein was fouled put the Germans on level terms and when Rainer Bonhof supplied goal-machine Gerd Muller with a beautiful pass the hosts parcelled the game up just before half-time.

Curiously the dynamic Holland side couldn't raise their game in the second half to the required level and began their run of perennial bridesmaids. The resplendently decked out orange shirted side looked set to fall even before the ultimate hurdle in these European Championships.

Holland left it until the 83rd minute against the unlucky Republic of Ireland to grab the win-

ner, when an attempted volley from Ronald Koeman was expertly spun into the net by the head of substitute forward, Wim Kieft.

The Irish were terribly unlucky and for that matter, terribly naive or brave. Their tactics of defending en masse against a packed Dutch forward line was always tempting fate.

With ten minutes left and the Dutch side getting desperate for the winner — they had what many people would consider the ultimate frontline, consisting of European Golden Boot winners, Marco van Basten and Wim Kieft, European Footballer of the Year, Ruud Gullit and new goalscoring hero Johnny Bosman.

Surely the Irish should have known better than to attempt to shut out the Holland side till the end — the fact that they held on as long as they did was more good luck than good management.

Granted the defensive attributes of Mick McCarthy, Kevin Moran and Paul McGrath couldn't be questioned but it only needed one instinctive strike such as that of Kieft's to send them packing. Only Tony Galvin showed the necessary flair in attack and testimony to their questionable tactics was a ten minute period in the second half when the

Dutch side visibly went down a gear and struggled to keep Ireland at bay.

Clean strikes from Koeman, Arnold Muhren and especially the rugged Jan Wouters had the Irish backpeddling constantly and despite the relative lack of involvement of Gullit, the Dutch still persevered.

Some are already claiming that the difference between the Dutch 'total football' side of the 70's and this current one, is that Gullit's men know how to continue forward and make chances when the going gets tough — is this really so?

Against the USSR the Dutch had all the play, yet conceded a marvellous goal from Vasily Rats and then showed a rather languid approach to grabbing the equaliser. Gullit especially must come under scrutiny — is it totally fair to compare this man to Diego Maradona? When Holland needed him to take charge, in the games against the Soviets and Ireland, he didn't — in fact in the latter it was his brilliant AC Milan team-mate Marco van Basten that continually tried to provide the inspiration for the Dutch attacks.

Van Basten's hat-trick against England proved beyond doubt that he is a true world-class striker

Moynihan keeps mum

BRITISH Sports Minister Colin Moynihan has refused to recommend a return to Europe for English Soccer clubs in a report to UEFA president Jacques George.

He does not give an official "No" to the proposal either but the report paints a bleak picture and, coming hard on the heels of reports of English fans brutality and drunkenness in West Germany, will weigh heavily against the English case.

"The overall marginal improvement in behaviour within grounds in recent seasons has been maintained, but there are still disturbingly large numbers of hooligans who seem to indulge in aggressive and provocative behaviour," he said.

The Minister's report catalogues outbreaks of hooliganism: documents progress in British crowd control and says the British government cannot withdraw passports from known troublemakers.

UEFA officials meet in West Germany on June 24 to consider the re-admission of English teams to the three European club competitions and the Minister's report will be on the table for consideration.

ENGLAND'S fallen soccer stars returned home at the weekend after their disastrous European championship performance, blaming themselves rather than manager Bobby Robson, for their pitiful results.

The players arrived at London's Heathrow Airport to be met by girlfriends, wives and children — but only a handful of fans.

England lost all three of its group games in West Germany, suffering ignominious defeats against the Republic of Ireland, Holland and the Soviet Union.

Striker Gary Lineker, who performed disappointingly, said much of the criticism of the team was unwarranted.

"I don't think we have anything to be ashamed of," said Lineker. "We didn't play well but we haven't committed a crime or anything."

"I thought we played well against Holland for a large percentage of the game, but we lost confidence."

Midfielder Glenn Hoddle said England had been unfortunate.

"I am very disappointed, but I don't think we have been disgraced," Hoddle said. "The lads gave it everything they had to give. Sometimes in life things don't work out. You will always get people who want to criticise you."

"I thought the boss (Robson) did a very good job under the circumstances. If anyone is to be blamed it is the players. You win matches as a team and you lose matches as a team."

Nottingham Forest midfielder Neil Webb said the loss of three straight games had been totally unexpected.

"We are very down about the way everything has gone," Webb said. "The only thing we can do is to bounce back in the World Cup."

The England players were roundly criticised for lack of fitness and spark and their immobile central defenders.

Much of the attention was deflected from their performances, however, by the constant violence involving their fans.

"We were very much kept in the dark about what was happening," said Lineker. "Hooliganism is black for the country."

Webb said the players hadn't really known what was going on in the streets.

"We were a long way from the trouble," he said.

The question now is whether Robson will continue as manager — or, indeed, if England will be allowed to continue to compete in international soccer.

Sad Danes to start again

DENMARK, the team whose spectacular style has thrilled millions in the '80s, must look at their future plans after crashing out of the European Championships.

"This is the end of a great era in Danish football. We have had some tremendous results with this team, the best in the history of the country," manager Sepp Piontek said after the 2-0 defeat by West Germany here. "Now the time has come to build a new side."

The result, Denmark's second defeat in as many matches, meant it could not qualify for the semi-finals.

Piontek — who could

himself quit after the championships, even though his contract runs until 1990 — added: "What has been most disappointing about this tournament is that we have beaten ourselves."

"To succeed you needed to have come here with a team at the top of its form. Unfortunately that wasn't case for us. Our preparations were badly hit by injuries."

Piontek, a West German, took over as manager in 1979 and profited from an exceptionally talented generation of footballers, playing with clubs all over Europe, to make the Danes great.

Denmark emerged on the way to the 1984 European Championships, knocking out En-

gland in the qualifiers and going all the way to the semi-finals before losing to Spain on penalties.

At the 1986 World Cup in Mexico its superb first round displays — with strikers Preben Elkjaer and Michael Laudrup to the fore — set the tournament alight.

But once more the Spanish finished off the Danes, handing out a 5-1 second round thrashing to send the Scandinavians to a premature exit.

Defender John Sivebaek said on Tuesday: "We just haven't been very good. We've no longer got the speed we used to have, the spark has gone and perhaps also the ambitions."



WILL they be smiling at the end of the week? Italy celebrate their qualification for the semi-finals in front of the cameras. From left to right: Luigi de Agostini, Paolo Maldini, Franco Baresi, Gianluca Vielli, Riccardo Ferri, Francesco Romano and Fernando de Napoli. The Italians are preparing for their semi-final showdown with the USSR tomorrow morning. Three months ago Italy destroyed the Soviets 4-1 in a Bari friendly — it won't be so easy this time.

West Germany — Holland, then a magnificent final



LES MURRAY, SBS-TV Soccer presenter has proved just what real staying power he possesses.

Over the last two weeks, Murray and his crew have forgone the luxury of many many hours of peaceful sleep just to be at the studios to prepare for a massive amount of live telecasts of EURO-88.

The mammoth live telecast coverage of the European Championships comes to an end this Saturday evening, culminating in Murray having presented no less

than 30 hours of live television plus another 20 hours of replays and highlights for viewers of SBS.

"It has been a real historic achievement for our Channel," Murray proudly reflected to ASW last night.

When we asked Les which nation would win EURO-88, without hesitation he answered: "Predicting Soccer results would have to be

the most dangerous pastime.

"What a pity West Germany and Holland had to meet in this morning's first semi-final, making a meeting of these two in Saturday's final not possible.

"The brain would have told you go for West Germany. But the heart strongly would have tugged for Holland.

"I would have said Holland purely because of their wonderful silky-smooth style and their

superb players of the calibre of Gullit, Van Basten, Koeman and Bosman.

"It would have been real justice as well for the Dutch after having qualified in two successive World Cup finals, yet having come away with little joy in 1974 and 1978 against West Germany and Argentina respectively."

Early this morning after we went to press, USSR met Italy in the first semi-final and tomorrow morning



TOP LEFT: West Germany's **JUERGEN KOHLER** does his best to do balance on top of Denmark's **MICHAEL LAUDRUP** during their Group One match in Munich. The Germans won 2-0 and along with Italy went through to the semi-finals. **ABOVE:** Ray Houghton and Ronnie Whelan (two-thirds of Ireland's Liverpool connection) celebrate the winner against England. Whelan was to score the goal of the tournament against the Soviet Union in a later match, when he volleyed in a bullet-like Mick McCarthy throw. Unfortunately for them, Eire were unable to hold out Holland in the final match, losing 1-0 in the dying stages.

(Thursday June 23rd) the West Germans clash with Holland in the

second.

The final will come in live on Saturday evening

at 11.15pm EST.

JOHN ECONOMOS

SBS-TV — "EURO 88"



LIVE COVERAGE



WEDNESDAY 22ND JUNE

1ST SEMI-FINAL

(from Hamburg) 4.00am (EST) 3.30am Adelaide 2.00am Perth

1ST SEMI-FINAL

(replay 100') 11.00pm (EST) 10.30pm Adelaide 11.00pm Perth

GERMANY v HOLLAND

THURSDAY 23RD JUNE

2ND SEMI-FINAL

(from Stuttgart) 4.00am (EST) 3.30am Adelaide 2.00am Perth

2ND SEMI-FINAL

(replay 100') 10.30pm (EST) 10.00pm Adelaide 10.30pm Perth

USSR versus ITALY



SATURDAY 25TH JUNE

FINAL

(from Munich) 11.15pm (EST) 10.45pm Adelaide 11.15pm Perth

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FINAL

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